

## CRUCIAL STEP



President Barack Obama prepares meals during a volunteer service project in Washington, DC.

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**WASHINGTON** - President Barack Obama hailed the agreement reached with Russia over the weekend to seize and destroy Syria's chemical weapons as a "foundation" that could eventually lead to a political settlement of the civil war that has gripped that nation and killed tens of thousands of people over the past two years.

Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday that the United States was in a "better position" to prevent President Bashar Assad of Syria from using poison gas again because of the deal hammered out by Secretary of State John Kerry and Sergey Lavrov, the Russian foreign minister. "Look, we're not there yet," Obama said in an interview taped Friday with George Stephanopoulos for the ABC News program "This Week" on Sunday. "We don't have an actual, verifiable deal that will begin that process. But the distance that we've traveled over these couple of weeks is remarkable."

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## 4 Angels Immortalized

A newly unveiled statue honoring four slain young church girls graces the corner of Kelly Ingram Park, across the street from the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. The congregation gathered outside the church for the wreath laying ceremony at the spot where a bomb was detonated 50 years ago by the Ku Klux Klan, killing four young girls.

(AP Photo/Hal Yeager)

## Alabama church marks 50th anniversary of bombing

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Associated Press

**BIRMINGHAM, Alabama**

**(AP)** — Hundreds of people black and white, many holding hands, filled an Alabama church that was bombed by the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan 50 years ago Sunday to mark the anniversary of the blast that killed four little girls and became a landmark moment in the civil rights struggle.

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The Rev. Arthur Price taught the same Sunday school lesson that members of the 16th Street Baptist Church heard the morning of the bombing — "A Love That Forgives." Then, the rusty old church bell was tolled four times as the girls' names were read.

Bombing survivor Sarah Collins Rudolph, who lost her right eye and sister Ad-

die Mae Collins in the blast, stood by as members laid a wreath at the spot where the dynamite device was placed along an outside wall.

Rudolph was 12 at the time, and her family left the church after the bombing. She said it was important to return in memory of her sister, who was 14, and the three other girls who died: Carole Robertson and Cyn-

thia Wesley Morris, both 14, and Denise McNair, 11.

"God spared me to live and tell just what happened on that day," said Rudolph, who testified against the Klansmen convicted years later in the bombing. Congregation members and visitors sang the old hymn "Love Lifted Me" and joined hands in prayer.

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## Summers pulls out for Fed chief consideration

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**WASHINGTON** - Lawrence H. Summers, one of President Barack Obama's closest economic confidantes and a former Treasury secretary, has withdrawn his name from consideration for the position of chairman of the Federal Reserve amid rising opposition from Obama's own Democratic allies on Capitol Hill.

In a statement released by the White House on Sunday afternoon, Obama said he had accepted the decision by his friend even as he praised him for helping to rescue the country from economic disaster early in the president's term.

"Larry was a critical member of my team as we faced down the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, and it was in no small part because of his expertise, wisdom and leadership that we wrestled the economy back to growth and made the kind of progress we are seeing today," Obama said in the statement.

Summers appeared to have been the White House's favored candidate to succeed Ben Bernanke as chairman of the Fed, though Obama had repeatedly said he had not yet made a decision between Summers, Janet L. Yellen, who is a vice chairwoman of the Fed, or someone else.

But Summers' reputation for being brusque, his comments about women's natural aptitude in mathematics and science and his decisions on financial regulatory matters in the Clinton and Obama administrations had made him a controversial choice. Three Senate Democrats on the Banking Committee had come out against Summers' nomination, meaning that the White House might have had to barter for as many as three Republican votes for him even to pass out of committee. □

## More rain hampers Colorado rescue efforts

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**LYONS, Colorado (AP)**

— The search for people stranded from the Rocky Mountain foothills to the plains of northeastern Colorado grew more difficult Sunday, with a new wave of rain hampering airlifts from the flooded areas still out of reach.

From the mountain communities east to the plains city of Fort Morgan, numerous pockets of individuals remained cut off by the flooding. With rain impacting helicopter searches, rescuers trekked by ground up dangerous canyon roads to reach some of those homes isolated since Wednesday.

More than 1,750 people and 300 pets have already been rescued from communities and individual homes swamped by overflowing rivers and streams.

The surging waters have been deadly, with four people confirmed dead and two more missing and presumed dead after their homes were swept away.

Hundreds of people have still not been heard from, but with phone service being restored to some of the areas over the weekend, officials hoped that number would drop as they contacted more stranded people.

The additional rain falling on ground that has been saturated by water since

Wednesday created the risk of more flash flooding and mud slides, according to the National Weather Service.

Days of rain and floods have transformed the outdoorsy mountain commu-

nally clog main street have been replaced by military supply trucks. Restaurateurs and grocers in Lyons were distributing food to their neighbors as others arrived in groups carrying supplies. Chris Rodes, one of Lyon's

cabins were empty in the town that is a gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. High water still covered several low-lying streets. Where the river had receded, it had left behind up to a foot (30 centime-



A woman walks with her two boys on a day of more heavy rains, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Longmont, Colo. The National Weather Service says up to 2 inches of rain could fall Sunday evening, creating a risk of more flooding and mudslides.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

nities in Colorado's Rocky Mountain foothills from a paradise for backpackers and nature lovers into a disaster area with little in the way of supplies or services. Roadways have crumbled, scenic bridges are destroyed, and most shops are closed.

In Lyons, the cars that nor-

newest residents, said the change is so drastic that he is considering moving away just two weeks after settling there.

"It's not the same," Rodes said. "All these beautiful places, it's just brown mud." In Estes Park, some 20 miles (30 kilometers) from Lyons, hundreds of homes and

ters) of mud.

Estes Park town administrator Frank Lancaster said visitors who would normally flock there during the golden September days should stay away for at least a month, but it could take a year or longer for many of the mountain roadways to be repaired. □

## Hurricane Ingrid, TS Manuel near Mexico, kill 12

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Associated Press

**ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)**

— Flooding and landslides unleashed by Hurricane Ingrid and Tropical Storm Manuel have claimed at least a dozen lives in Mexico and sparked the evacuations of thousands of people even before the weather systems had made landfall on the country's east and west coasts.

In the southern Pacific Coast state of Guerrero, rains unleashed by Manuel resulted in the deaths of six people when their SUV lost control on a highway

headed for the tourist resort of Acapulco. Another five people died in landslides in Guerrero and Puebla states, while the collapse of a fence killed another person in Acapulco.

The eye of Manuel was churning very near Mexico's southwest Pacific shoreline Sunday while on the other side of the country, thousands on the country's Gulf Coast sought shelter from Ingrid amid the threat of heavy rains, dangerous flash floods and mudslides.

Manuel and Ingrid appeared set to mar several

planned observances of the country's Sept. 15 and 16 Independence Day celebrations.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Ingrid, the second hurricane of the Atlantic storm season, could reach the Mexican mainland early Monday after gathering strength over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. It was packing top sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph) as it slowly crawled toward land with little change in strength in hours.

Manuel, sustaining maximum winds of 70 mph

(120 kph), was about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from the Pacific coast near the Mexican port city of Lazaro Cardenas early Sunday. Forecasters said that storm was moving toward imminent landfall over the coming hours.

The Mexican government late Saturday issued a hurricane warning for the country's Pacific Coast from Lazaro Cardenas to Manzanillo. The storm was expected to rapidly weaken once it began heading into the Mexican interior through the afternoon. □



## White House hails Syrian pact, calls it a crucial step

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Obama said the United States was not going to "get in the middle of somebody else's civil war." But he said the chemical weapons agreement could be a first step toward a political settlement that would "deal with the underlying terrible conflict." Asked about the possibility of an overall political settlement that would leave Assad in power in Syria, Obama said, "It is hard to envision how Mr. Assad regains any kind of legitimacy after he's gassed, or his military has gassed, innocent civilians and children."

Obama took credit for creating the pressure that led to the deal by threatening - and then backing off from - a military strike in Syria. He also defended his actions over the past two weeks, saying that his critics were judging him on style, not on the substance of his policies.

"Had we rolled out something that was very smooth and disciplined and linear they would have graded it well, even if it was a disastrous policy," Obama said, adding: "We know that, because that's exactly how they graded the Iraq War."

He said his administration over the past several weeks had focused on preventing Assad from using chemical weapons again, after an attack last month that is said to have killed more than 1,400 civilians.

"If that goal is achieved, then it sounds to me like we did something right," he said.

Obama also responded to criticism that President Vladimir Putin of Russia had been "playing" his American counterpart by seizing control of the diplomatic efforts. He said the Russian president did not have the same "values" as the United States, but still played an important role in the Syrian conflict.

"I welcome him being in-

volved," Obama said. "I welcome him saying, 'I will take responsibility for pushing my client, the Assad regime, to deal with these chemical weapons.'" Obama added that despite the disagreements between the United States and Russia recently over a range of issues - including the granting of asylum to Edward J. Snowden, who is wanted by the U.S. government for leaking classified documents - the two presidents were still able to work together on issues like the chemical weapons in Syria.

"I know that sometimes this gets framed or looked at through the lens of the U.S. versus Russia, but that's not what this is about," he said. Obama declined to say how long the Syrian government should be given to identify and destroy the chemical weapons. He said those were details that were being worked out by Kerry and Lavrov.

But he said the outcome of the negotiations should send a strong signal to other countries, including Iran, that the United States and the rest of the international community were willing to use force, and diplomacy, to resolve disputes.

He said he had had indirect communications with Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani.

He said he believed that the Iranians understood that the United States viewed the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran as an even bigger threat to national security and regional stability than Syria's chemical weapons.

"My suspicion is that the Iranians recognize they shouldn't draw a lesson that we haven't struck to think we won't strike Iran," Obama said. "On the other hand, they should draw from this lesson that there is the potential of resolving these issues diplomatically."

In the interview, Obama also addressed his looming clash with Republicans over the nation's debt and budget. □

## Christie pledges support for fire-ravaged towns

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Gov. Chris Christie, who garnered national attention one year ago as he raced up and down the Jersey Shore visiting areas ravaged by Hurricane Sandy, reprised that role Saturday - but this time it was just two communities that were left reeling.

Christie spoke with dozens of people who lost their businesses in a devastating fire two days ago along a famous stretch of Boardwalk in Seaside Heights and Seaside Park, pledging full

the task of investigators who were still trying to pinpoint exactly where the fire started and what triggered the blaze. Despite a variety of reports circulating in different media outlets and speculation by residents, Al Della Fave, a spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, said the case was still under investigation.

"There's still no determination on cause," he said in a statement. "No one at the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office has labeled the fire suspicious.

in the two towns were scheduled to be at a convention in Wildwood, N.J.

"I would say 80 percent of the towns around us, including ourselves, would not have had the manpower, because it's a statewide convention," he said.

Christie also said the damage could have been much worse, if not for the efforts of more than 400 firefighters and their last-ditch stand to block the fire from spreading up the Boardwalk by twice



Pockets of the beachfront boardwalk smolder following a large blaze in Seaside Heights, N.J. The sun's rise over the Jersey Shore this weekend revealed a scene of devastation after it took nearly 500 firefighters more than 18 hours to get the fire under control and left dozens of businesses burned down along the same stretch of boardwalk that was hard hit during Hurricane Sandy less than one year ago.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

support of the state to help them rebuild yet again. Later on Saturday, Christie announced an initial aid package of \$15 million for businesses damaged in the fire.

"I wouldn't be anywhere else," Christie said at the Boardwalk. "This is what this job is all about. When a crisis happens, you have to be here to help organize things, to lend encouragement and deliver help."

Even as Christie met with residents to discuss recovery, small hot spots continued, including a minor flare-up before dawn Saturday that firefighters had to put down.

The conditions complicated

Our only comment is that the investigation continues."

In addition to investigators from the state fire marshal's office and the New Jersey State Police, representatives of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also at the scene Saturday.

William Rumbolo, the chief of the Seaside Heights Volunteer Fire Department, said he had spoken to investigators who told him that they were still looking at all possibilities.

He said that the damage could have been even worse if the fire had broken out one day later, when many of the firefighters

digging trenches to cut it off.

"We were 30 to 40 minutes away, if cutting the trench didn't work, of losing the whole Boardwalk," he said. When Christie arrived on the Boardwalk, he was at times treated more like a matinee idol than a politician as throngs of well-wishers crowded around him - most more interested in posing for photographs than in asking about the fire.

It took him an hour to walk one block.

But some business owners, frustrated by the slow delivery of assistance after Hurricane Sandy, were hoping the process would be smoother this time. □



# Alabama church marks 50th anniversary of bombing

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The somber Sunday school lesson was followed by a raucous, packed worship service with gospel music and worshippers waving their hands. During the sermon, the Rev. Julius Scruggs of Huntsville, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, said, "God said you may murder four little girls, but you won't murder the dream of justice and liberty for all." Later Sunday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and others were set to attend a commemoration. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a Birmingham native who went to school with McNair, was among the scheduled speakers. The dynamite bomb went off outside the church on Sept. 15, 1963. Of the Klansmen convicted years later, one remains imprisoned. Two others who were con-

victed died in prison. Two young men, both black, were shot to death in Birmingham in the chaos that followed the bombing. Birmingham was strictly segregated at the time of the

bombing, which occurred as city schools were being racially integrated for the first time. The all-black 16th Street Baptist Church was a gathering spot for civil rights demonstrations for

months before the blast. The bombing triggered nationwide outrage and became a powerful symbol of the depth of racial hatred in the South and helped build momentum for later

laws, including the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. During the commemoration, an honor guard composed of black and white officers and firefighters watched over ceremonies attended by the mixed-race crowd, something unthinkable in Birmingham in 1963. That same year, white police officers and firefighters used dogs and water hoses on black demonstrators marching for equal rights. Rev. Bernice King, a daughter of the late civil rights leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., noted the changed city in a prayer. "We thank you father for the tremendous progress we have made in 50 years, that we can sit in the safe confines of this sanctuary being protected by the city of Birmingham when 50 years ago the city turned its eye and its ears away from us," she said. □



Churchgoers file outside the church as a wreath is carried at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. The congregation gathered outside the church for the wreath laying ceremony at the spot where a bomb was detonated 50 years ago by the Ku Klux Klan, killing four young girls.

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## Unarmed man shot by police was former FAMU player



Jonathan Ferrell is seen in an undated photo provided by Florida A&M University. Ferrell, 24, was shot and killed Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, by North Carolina police officer Randall Kerrick after a wreck in Charlotte, N.C. (AP Photo/FAMU)

**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP)** — The deadly encounter was set in motion when a former college football player survived a wreck and went searching for help in the middle of the night. A frightened woman heard him pounding and opened her front door, then called police. Officers found the unarmed man, and one fatally shot him when a Taser failed to stop him from approaching. Within hours, investigators determined that the shoot-

ing had been excessive and charged the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer with voluntary manslaughter in the death of former Florida A&M University football player Jonathan A. Ferrell.

Ferrell, 24, played for Florida A&M in 2009 and 2010, school officials said Sunday. He had recently moved to North Carolina. Early Saturday, he had apparently been in a wreck and was seeking help at a nearby house, according

to a statement from Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. A woman answered the door and, when she didn't recognize the man, called the police emergency dispatcher.

Officers responding to the breaking and entering call found Ferrell a short distance from the home, police said. As they approached him, Ferrell ran toward the officers, who tried to stop him with a Taser. Police said he continued to run toward them when officer Randall Kerrick fired his gun, hitting Ferrell several times. Ferrell died at the scene.

Police called Ferrell and Kerrick's initial encounter "appropriate and lawful." But in their statement late Saturday, they said "the investigation showed that

the subsequent shooting of Mr. Ferrell was excessive" and "Kerrick did not have a lawful right to discharge his weapon during this encounter."

Police said Kerrick was charged with voluntary manslaughter, which under North Carolina law involves killing without malice using "excessive force" in exercising "imperfect self-defense."

Police were not expected to offer further details Sunday, said Officer Keith Trietley, a department spokesman. The report was not available Sunday.

Kerrick, 27, of Midland, turned himself in for booking Saturday evening and was released on \$50,000 bond, according to the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office website. □

## Firing at man in Times Square, police wound two bystanders

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**NEW YORK** - Confronted by an agitated man who at one point lay down in the middle of the street in Times Square, two police officers fired shots late Saturday evening at the man, striking two bystanders instead, a law enforcement official who was briefed on the matter said. One bystander, a woman, was shot in the leg, and the other person was shot in the buttocks. The woman was taken to Bellevue Hospital Center, while the other person's wound was only a graze, said another law enforcement official. Both wounded bystanders are from Manhattan.

The agitated man, who witnesses said had been dart-

ing in front of cars on 42nd Street and Eighth Avenue, was in police custody, the official said. Witnesses said the man was hit by several cars. In a video of the episode captured by a witness on his cellphone, the man is seen running erratically around the intersection as police officers tried to corral him out of the street. "He was just wandering, running away from the cop," said a witness who described himself as a retired police officer and did not want to be named. "He tried to run and ended up getting hit by three different cars." The police later wheeled the man into an ambulance. He was conscious and sitting upright, dressed in a green sweater. He appeared to be handcuffed. □

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## New York trial to examine reclusive copper heiress' will

JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — She had wealth few could boast and used it to finance a life few would choose — an heiress to the fortune of the founder of Las Vegas ended up spending 20 years voluntarily in New York hospital rooms.

Now Huguetta Clark's reclusive existence is about to be scrutinized in a Manhattan courtroom, where jury selection is due to start Tuesday in a civil trial over her will. With an estimated \$300 million at stake, the case broaches questions about aging, caregiving and the line between encouraging gratitude and extracting gifts.

Clark's distant relatives say hospital executives, a nurse, a lawyer, an ac-

countant and others in her small circle induced a dependent, fragile woman to give them millions of dollars during her lifetime and in her will. The beneficiaries say she was a sharp-minded, strong-willed, munificent person whose decisions were as deliberate as they were unusual.

Signed when the childless Clark was 98, the disputed April 2005 will largely left her estate to arts charities, her nurse and a goddaughter. It provided nothing for her relatives, who were the main beneficiaries of a will she'd signed just six weeks earlier.

"Fundamentally, however, this tragic story presents much more than just a question of whether a particular will is valid or not," the relatives' lawyer, John

R. Morken, said in a court filing. The larger issue, he wrote, is whether there's an ethical limit to what caregivers and advisers can

Santa Barbara, California, and a 52-acre (21-hectare) estate in New Caanan, Connecticut.

By the time she died in 2011

various violin, according to court filings. Peri stands to get \$30 million more if the disputed will is upheld.

Clark gave primary physi-



Huguetta Clark's New Caanan, Conn., estate is shown. Surrounded by 52 acres of land, no one has lived at the estate in over two decades since its owner, copper heiress Huguetta Clark was last seen leaving her luxury New York City apartment on a stretcher. Jury selection is expected to begin in New York on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 in a civil trial over Clark's will. Distant relatives are challenging the 2005 will that omits them and leaves Clark's considerable wealth largely to arts charities, her nurse and a goddaughter. (AP Photo)

ask for or accept — "and if there is, how can professionals and institutions be held accountable?"

The beneficiaries say it's simply a case of bald-faced greed. And not on their part. Remote relations who barely knew Clark "claim she should have left her fortune to them, and not those who cared for her in the last years of her life," lawyer Brian Corrigan, who represents Clark's own attorney, said Friday. Clark's father, U.S. Sen. William A. Clark, made a Gilded Age fortune from Montana copper mines, a Utah-to-California railroad and sales of land around a whistle stop dubbed Las Vegas.

Huguetta Clark owned the biggest apartment on New York's Fifth Avenue, an oceanfront mansion in

at age 104, she hadn't been to any of them for decades.

Instead, she'd paid about \$400,000 a year to live in Manhattan's Beth Israel Medical Center since 1991, according to hospital records filed in court. She stayed there long after being told she could leave following treatment for advanced skin cancer and malnutrition.

Surrounded by dolls and childhood photos, the woman who liked to be called "madame" got assiduous care from physicians and private nurses. It became a lucrative arrangement.

Clark's main nurse, Hadasah Peri, was lavished with about \$30 million worth of presents, including multiple Manhattan apartments and a \$1.2 million Stradi-

cian Dr. Henry Singman \$500,000 or more in cash as Christmas presents, covered some of his medical expenses and paid part of his granddaughter's college tuition. The contested will leaves him \$100,000, which he plans to relinquish before testifying at the trial. Beth Israel got hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash gifts, a multimillion-dollar painting by French pre-Impressionist Edouard Manet, and a \$1 million bequest.

Hospital leaders aimed for more, emails and memos show. Within a few months of Clark's arrival, a fundraiser was visiting her room weekly. By the next year, she'd given \$145,000, but a hospital staffer wrote in a memo, "Here's hoping we end up with even bigger bucks." □



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## Old mining town fills with elite business leaders



This July 20, 2013 photo shows visitors walking through the tunnel to the viewing stand of the abandoned Berkeley Pit mine in Butte, Mont. A mining town almost a century removed from its heyday, Butte is the unlikely landing spot this week for some of the business world's biggest names.

(AP Photo/Matt Volz)

**MATT GOURAS**  
Associated Press

**HELENA, Montana (AP)** — Butte, a mining town almost a century removed from its heyday, is the unlikely landing spot this week for some of the business world's biggest names.

Google's Eric Schmidt and Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg will be joined by CEOs from companies like Ford, Boeing, Delta Airlines, FedEx, electric super car-maker Tesla, ConocoPhillips and Hewlett-Packard. The glittering luminaries, drawn by the invitation of retiring Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, will be joined by other business leaders in an economically struggling city that was once one of the largest west of the Mis-

sissippi River and dubbed "the world's richest hill." The Democratic senator readily admits his sway over tax and budget issues gets the business leaders to his home state.

Butte is about a third of its peak size today, at about 34,000 citizens. Gone is the bustle and famous red light district. Although it remains a colorful place, its aging population hasn't kept pace with improving economies elsewhere in a state that features one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.

For at least two days this week, though, it again becomes a bustling hotbed of entrepreneurial dynamos as several thousand people are expected for the Montana Jobs Summit.

Jon Sesso, a state senator and Butte booster, said that Butte make sense in many ways. Butte, still known for its parades and festivals, always loves a party.

"In some other cities it might be perceived as, ho-hum another day at the office," Sesso said. "We really open up the town to these kind of events. We put on the best face for Montana and the area."

This is the sixth such gathering Baucus has orchestrated — the third in Butte. They keep getting bigger. And Montana benefits.

Last time in 2010 an audience member asked Warren Buffett — whose business empire includes BNSF Railway Company — why Montana didn't have an inland port facility needed

for big, efficient shipments. That got the ball rolling on a transportation hub being built in the northern town of Shelby — expected to create 320 jobs.

A visit from the General Electric CEO led to a deal with a manufacturing firm in Butte to make airplane parts for the large multinational. GE also opened a processing center in Billings. Locals will be looking for more deals like those once the private jets start dropping off the bigwigs.

"Butte is always digging. We have suffered through some obstacles in terms of our economic diversity away from the mining," Sesso said. Butte is quick to credit Baucus, whose third-ranking seniority and chairmanship of the committee

that writes federal budgets and tax policy gives him a rolodex full of bigwigs, with orchestrating the event.

"People come in part because I ask them to come. The Finance Committee is very important to these companies," Baucus said. "I am impressed, and flattered, with how quickly people say yes."

Baucus said many of the businesses attending are driven by self-interest to finding new deals.

Baucus, in the Senate since the 1970s, isn't running again and the summit full of big names could be his last. He also helped draw former Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman, and ambassadors from China, Japan, Peru, Canada and Germany. □

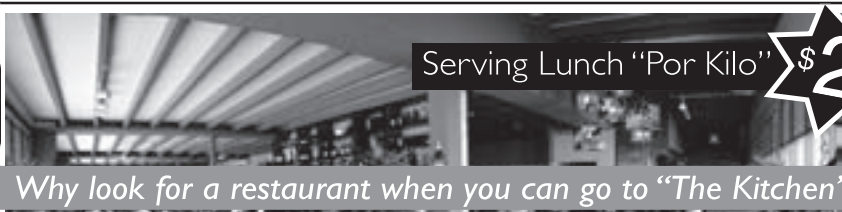
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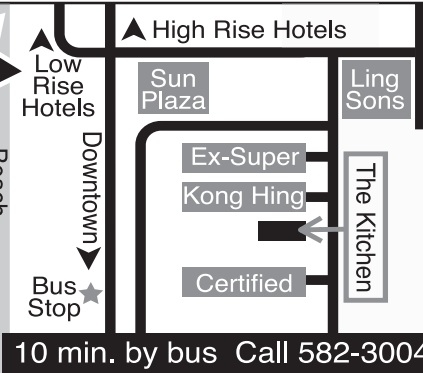


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## Merkel allies appear to triumph in Bavaria vote

**GEIR MOULSON**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative allies triumphed in Bavaria's state election Sunday, according to projections, though her partners in government suffered a painful setback just a week before Germany's national vote.

The Merkel-allied Christian Social Union, traditionally the dominant force in the prosperous southern region, won support of roughly 49 percent, according to ARD and ZDF television projections based on exit polls and early vote counting. That meant it gained more than 5 percentage points and won back a majority in the

state legislature it humiliatingly lost in 2008.

"This election gives us tailwind for the national election," said Hermann Groehe, the general secretary of Merkel's Christian Democratic Union. But, he warned, "it is of course clear that the national election hasn't yet been decided."

The projections showed only 3 percent support in Sunday's vote for Merkel's national governing partners, the pro-market Free Democrats, meaning they would lose their seats in the legislature in Munich. That's a concern for Merkel ahead of next Sunday's national election, in which she's favored to win a third term.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel drinks beer after her speech during an election campaign event of the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in Bad Koestritz, central Germany, on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. Merkel, top candidate of her CDU party will be challenged by Social Democratic Party (SPD) top candidate Peer Steinbrueck at Germany's general elections on Sept. 22, 2013. (AP Photo/Jens Meyer)



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are different in Bavaria — and from now on, it's all about Germany," Roesler said. "And this result is a wake-up call."

Challenger Steinbrueck's Social Democrats pointed to the positive, pointing to their modest gains in a state where they usually struggle and vowing to step up their own national campaign.

Steinbrueck said Sunday's election added to a string of votes in which voters have failed to endorse a conservative-Free Democrat coalition — "and prospects are good for that being the case at federal level in a week's time." Merkel, who has campaigned hard against her center-left opponents' plans for tax increases, has benefited in the national campaign from Germany's strong economy and low unemployment.

That's even truer of Bavaria, the tradition-minded homeland of retired Pope Benedict XVI and also a

Merkel must vote for Angela Merkel," Armin Laschet, a deputy leader of the chancellor's party, told ARD television. The Free Democrats "will make it," he added.

The smaller party has been a fixture in post-World War II Germany's national Parliament but isn't traditionally strong in Bavaria. National polls show Merkel's conservative bloc of her CDU and the Bavaria-only CSU leading the pack — though not by the margins the CSU enjoys in Bavaria.

However, they show her current center-right coalition roughly level with the combined opposition, and leading by about 10 points Steinbrueck's hoped-for alliance of his Social Democrats and the Greens. That suggests she may need to form a new coalition, perhaps a "grand coalition" with the Social Democrats — the combination in which she ran Germany from 2005-9. □



# Italy gives OK to right shipwrecked Costa Concordia

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy (AP) —

Authorities have given the final go-ahead for a daring attempt Monday to pull upright the crippled Costa Concordia cruise liner from its side in the waters off Tuscany, a make-or-break engineering feat that has never before been tried in such conditions.

The ship capsized there 20 months ago, and Italy's national Civil Protection agency waited until sea and weather conditions were forecast for dawn Monday before giving the OK to try to right it. In a statement Sunday, the Civil Protection agency said the sea and wind conditions "fall within the range of operating feasibility."

The Concordia struck a reef near Giglio Island the night of Jan. 13, 2012, took

on water through a 70-meter (230-foot) gash in its hull and capsized just outside the harbor. Thirty-two of the 4,200 passengers and crew members died. The bodies of two of the dead have never been recovered, and may lie beneath the wreckage.

Never before have engineers tried to right such a huge ship so close to land. If the operation succeeds, the Concordia will be towed away and broken up for scrap.

Salvage experts had originally hoped to right the 115,000-ton vessel last spring, but heavy storms hampered work. Crews have raced to get the Concordia upright before another winter season batters the ship against its rocky perch — damage that would increase the chance that it couldn't be

towed away in one piece. Salvage master Nick Sloane seemed optimistic in the final hours before

the operation began, saying Sunday that testing of the machinery in recent days had actually lifted

the 300-meter (985-foot) ship up about 10 centimeters (2.5 inches), or 0.15 degrees. □



People watch the Costa Concordia ship as it lies on its side on the Tuscan Island of Giglio, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. Authorities have given the final go-ahead for a daring attempt Monday to pull upright the crippled Costa Concordia cruise liner from its side in the waters off Tuscany, a make-or-break engineering feat that has never before been tried in such conditions. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

# Hollande doesn't rule out Syria 'military option'

THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French President Francois Hollande hasn't ruled out the "military option" against Syria, as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry flies to Paris for talks Monday on how to rid Syria of its chemical weapons stockpile. In a televised address Sunday night, Hollande said: "The military option must remain; otherwise there will be no pressure." France, which has been at the forefront of international diplomacy on Syria, firmly backs the rebels and has strategic and historic interests in the region. It urged military action after a chemical attack on Aug. 21 that Paris and Washington blame on Bashar Assad's government. The diplomatic breakthrough, which has

been seen to avert the threat of U.S. military action against Syria, came Saturday after American and Russian diplomats in Geneva agreed on a plan for Syria's chemical weapons. France wasn't present.

Hollande, Kerry, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and British Foreign Secretary William Hague will meet in Paris Monday to agree on a draft U.N. resolution that would set out how Syria can secure and destroy its stockpile. But Hollande said there needs to be sanctions to coerce the Syrian regime into sticking to turning over its chemical weapons.

"It is necessary to include the threat of sanctions if the agreement and the aims of the Security Council resolution aren't carried out," he said.

"The next step, it has to be finding a political solution to the Syrian crisis," he added. Speaking from Beijing on Sunday, Fabius said

questions over the deal remained, including what measures should be taken if the Syrian government fails to adhere to it.

After being first drafted in Paris, the U.N. resolution will then travel to Moscow to be validated by Russian President Vladimir Putin. □

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# Egypt says militants booby trapping border with Gaza

**SARAH EL DEEB**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — The Egyptian army has discovered a network of booby traps along its border with the Gaza Strip, a military

spokesman said Sunday, as he criticized the Palestinian territory's Hamas rulers for poorly controlling their side of the border and urged them to reign in militant groups operating there. The accusations, made in a news conference explaining the military's ongoing offensive in the volatile northern Sinai area, were a

coup. Egyptian media has been pointing the finger at Hamas for meddling in Egypt's affairs, some suggesting that the ouster of Morsi, an ally and fellow

terfering and complain that Egyptian authorities have imposed the strictest restrictions on the border and its vital Rafah crossing in years.

"Securing borders is a joint mission for those sharing the borders. It is also up to Hamas to exert more effort to control the borders," Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali said. "Egypt deserves more than the effort we are seeing from the other side to secure the border." Ali said troops have arrested 309 militants and criminals, including Palestinians, in operations that began in the region in July and were stepped up with an offensive last weekend. They also uncovered weapons caches that included anti-aircraft missiles, long-range mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and tons of explosives, he added.

In the last 48 hours, he said, troops had discovered explosives laid in tunnels along the border and under Egyptian watchtowers, with detonating wires running back into Gaza.

"This will call for new measures ... to deal with these threats that endanger the forces and the borders," Ali told reporters, adding

that Egyptian intelligence had also discovered that a number of insurgent attacks in Sinai had been coordinated with Gaza-based extremist groups. Since Morsi's overthrow, militant attacks against security forces in northern Sinai have escalated, a trend Egyptian authorities blame on Morsi and his allies.

Morsi's supporters insist they are peaceful, but some have openly said the situation in Sinai will not stabilize unless he is restored to power.

In Gaza, Hamas government spokesman Ihab al-Ghussein denied militants were using the Palestinian territory as a staging ground for operations against Egypt.

"We deny any connection between Gaza, its resistance and government, and the tunnels and the explosives which were mentioned by the Egyptian army spokesman today," al-Ghussein told reporters. Egypt's military launched the recent Sinai offensive last Saturday in response to militant attacks they say have killed more than 100 policemen and soldiers in recent months. □



**A Palestinian fisherman drags a net as he walks near an Egyptian watchtower on the border with Egypt in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. Egyptian Navy boats fired near Palestinian fishermen Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, a Hamas government spokesman said. Over the past weeks, the Egyptian military has also bulldozed homes along the Gaza border and caved in tunnels beneath them in preparations for creating a buffer zone to reduce weapon smuggling and militant crossings into Egypt.**  
(AP Photo/Hatem Moussa)

spokesman said Sunday, as he criticized the Palestinian territory's Hamas rulers for poorly controlling their side of the border and urged

rare public criticism of the Palestinian militant group by the military since the July ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in

Islamist, has prompted the group to cause trouble in Sinai by supporting militant groups there. Hamas officials have denied in-

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## Al-Qaida's Yemen branch has confirmed commander's death

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemen's al-Qaida branch has confirmed that a U.S. strike killed one of its leaders at the end of last month. It said in a statement posted on a militant website Saturday that Qaid al-Dahab was killed by a "perfidious American air raid" in the el-Manaseh region of Bayda province, along with one other person. Yemeni officials reported his death last month, saying the strike was likely by

a U.S. drone. They said two were killed with al-Dahab. Al-Dahab was believed to be al-Qaida's leader in the southern province of Bayda, one of its former strongholds.

The statement praised him for having waged "jihad" for years, saying he had lost a hand in a previous battle.

The United States conducts regular drone strikes in Yemen but rarely confirms individual attacks. □





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## Officials: Nigeria youths retaliate, kill policeman



Muslim youths watch an event in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Using every resource from psychologists to agriculture experts and security forces, the Nigerian state at the heart of an Islamic uprising hopes to reach a reservoir of angry and rootless young men easily recruited by Islamic extremists and transform them into productive members of society.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

**HARUNA UMAR**  
Associated Press  
**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)** — Angry youths in a vigilante group mobbed and killed a policeman and

threatened others Saturday in retaliation for the killing of one of their members in northeast Nigeria, police and military officials said, causing further fric-

tion in an area tense with violence from Islamic militants.

The Civilian Joint Task Force was formed by residents to help capture Boko Haram suspects in and around Maiduguri, where the Islamic insurgents formed years ago.

The spokesman of the 7th division of the Nigeria army, Lt Col. Sagir Musa, said he took the attacked policeman, who was drenched in blood, to the police headquarters.

It was not immediately clear if the attacked policeman was the same officer who had shot dead the vigilante.

State police commissioner Lawal Tanko confirmed the incidents and the death of the policeman.

The angry vigilantes also blocked the major Kano-Maiduguri road with burning fires and threatened all police, calling them accomplices of Boko Haram. Civilian-JTF member Muhammed Adamu said that members of his group were stopped by policemen for driving in the wrong lane. He said they had caught a Boko Haram member.

"We told him we could not (take the other lane) because we had a Boko Haram suspect. He threatened to shoot if we didn't," Adamu said. "One of our members said he dare not. And the policeman opened fire, killing one of our members."

The Civilian-JTF says it has helped lead to the arrests of thousands of Boko

Haram members since it formed in June. It also claims responsibility for many killings and has the backing of the military.

Borno state Gov. Kashim Shettima pleaded for calm on Saturday. He said the government would try to pacify and compensate the family of the dead Civilian-JTF member.

"This is a sad development as it really threatens the emerging peace we are enjoying," Shettima said. "I want to appeal to the angry youths to calm down."

This is our state and the youths have assisted us tremendously in restoring peace. Let them not destabilize the emerging peace we are enjoying now," he said. □

## Cambodia: Police clash with opposition; 1 dead

**JUSTINE DRENNAN**  
**SOPHENG CHEANG**  
Associated Press  
**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)** — Riot police in Cambodia clashed with protesters in the nation's capital on Sunday, shooting one to death and wounding six more, opposition activists said, in a new wave of demonstrations against Prime Minister Hun Sen's government following a disputed July election. The demonstrations in Phnom Penh, which also left one policeman injured, marked one of the biggest challenges yet against the autocratic rule of Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has been in power for nearly three decades. They also raised fears that even bloodier days could lay ahead, with opposition leader Sam Rainsy vowing to keep up the pressure un-

til the country's post-election deadlock is resolved. Although the government allowed Sunday's rally to go ahead, it had warned protesters to stay within the confines of the capital's Freedom Park, where tens of thousands of people had gathered peacefully earlier Sunday to hear Sam Rainsy speak. Thousands of opposition supporters marched across various parts of the city anyway, and police — apparently under orders not to intervene — mostly let them go ahead. The marches turned violent in the afternoon when about 200 demonstrators tried to dismantle a barricade of razor wire and roadblocks that had been erected along a river in eastern Phnom Penh to keep them away from the Royal Palace. □

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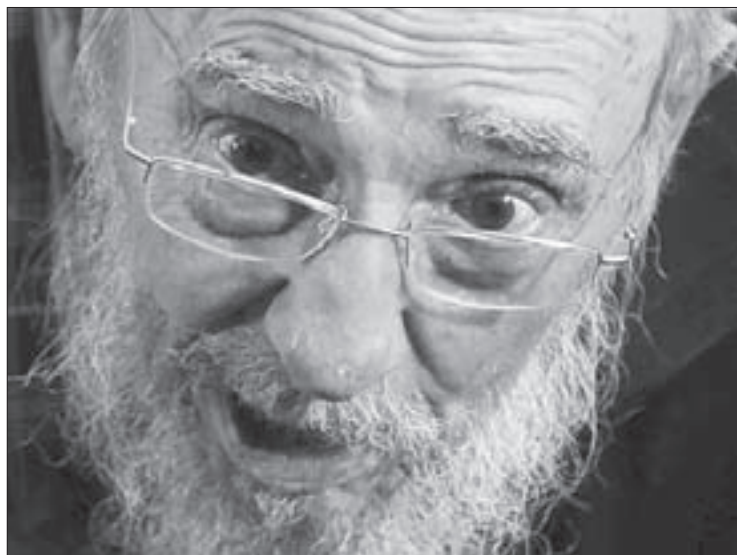
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Cuba's Fidel Castro talks to reporters in Havana, Cuba. Castro has published an article applauding a Russian-backed proposal to secure and destroy Syria's chemical weapons.  
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## Cuba's Fidel Castro applauds Russian proposal on Syria

**HAVANA (AP)** — Former Cuban President Fidel Castro has published an article applauding a Russian-backed proposal to secure and destroy Syria's chemical weapons. The U.S. and Russia reached agreement Saturday to implement the plan amid an ongoing civil war in the Middle Eastern country. In an article published in Cuban press Saturday, the 87-year-old leader says "the intelligent Russian ini-

tiative" meant "the risk that the conflict explodes with its lamentable consequences seems to have diminished." The article is signed by Castro and dated Sept. 10. Castro also lauds Russia as a "brave country" that "stayed firm before the unusual pretension of the government of the United States, threatening to launch an overwhelming attack against the Syrian defenses." □

## Fuel tanks explode at US Virgin Islands gas station

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)** — Authorities say fuel tanks at a U.S. Virgin Islands gas station have exploded, resulting in a huge blast and fire but causing only two injuries. Residential areas around the Gas Works station in the St. Thomas community of Bovoni were evacuated and traffic was diverted after the explosion on Saturday night. Firefighters and other emergency personnel contained the blaze shortly before midnight, about

three hours after the tanks ignited. Government spokesman Jean Greaux said there was a flare-up early Sunday but it was quickly extinguished. An all-clear has been issued, allowing residents to return home. Authorities say a man who was at the gas station received burns to 18 percent of his body. A woman also received injuries. Investigators were scouring rubble Sunday looking for the cause of the blast. □

## Philippines:

## Nearly 100 killed or captured in siege

**BULLIT MARQUEZ Associated Press ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)** — Philippine forces have killed or captured nearly 100 of the Muslim guerrillas who have held scores of hostages for a week in a southern city, as the government pushes ahead with an offensive to retake rebel-held coastal communities, officials said Sunday. Army troops and police special forces have regained rebel-held grounds and are pressing an assault deeper into communities in the coastal outskirts of Zamboanga city, where more than 100 Moro National Liberation Front guerrillas are holding hostages, military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said. Several hostages have escaped or were freed, but it was unclear how many were still in rebel custody. Zamboanga City Mayor Isabelle Clima-

co-Salazar said the rebels were still holding up to 40 hostages in one community alone. Zagala said troops taking part in the offensive were calibrating their firepower to avoid harming civilians. "We're gaining ground, we're pushing forward," he said. At least 51 rebels have been killed and 42 others captured, most while trying to escape along the coast after discarding their camouflage uniforms for ordinary clothes, Interior Secretary Mar Roxas said, adding that the gunmen would face criminal charges. The bodies of two rebels, a man and a woman, were found Sunday by advancing troops. Six policemen and soldiers, along with four villagers, have been killed in the standoff, which began Monday when troops foiled an attempt by the rebels to march and hoist their flag

at Zamboanga's city hall. The rebels, who arrived by boat from outlying islands, barged into five coastal villages and took more than 100 hostages as human shields. Army troops and police, backed by helicopters and navy gunboats, initially surrounded the rebels with their hostages while government officials tried to convince the insurgents to free their captives and surrender. But government forces decided to attack Friday after the guerrillas started setting on fire clusters of houses and fired mortar rounds that wounded several Red Cross aid workers, Zagala said. While the government's offensive is gaining momentum, Roxas said it's difficult to tell when the troops will be able to end the standoff, which has displaced more than 67,000 residents. □



A Government trooper covers the bodies of two Muslim rebels, a female and a male, after they were killed in the standoff in Zamboanga city, southern Philippines, Sunday Sept. 15, 2013.  
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cappuccinos were served just before entering the Alhambra's second floor ballroom via the kitchen. In the kitchen Executive Chefs Paul Zijlstra, Anthony de Palm and Gerard Coste were hard at work producing the delicacies served as shooters, tapas and small plates in the ballroom. Having witnessed the cooking firsthand, guests were greeted by the entire Divi Executive Team, including Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer, Director of Banquet and Events Sales, Inge Van Roon and her team, General Managers Gerrit Griffith, Marin Bijl, and Patrick Franssen, Food



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to order, tossed to order oriental noodles, shrimp salad shooters, pita bread and hummus, olive tapenade, prosciutto & brie with tomato relish, creamy pumpkin soup, crispy shrimp with spicy dip, lump crab cakes, and a rich and varied assortment of mousses, pies, cakes, cookies and petites fours, over bottomless cocktails, wine and beer. Pictured here, the fabulous holiday party at Alhambra ballroom. □



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thing possible to make sure you have a great experience. The snorkeling spots are beautiful and the crew takes your safety very seriously; they'll even go in the water with you if you are unsure. There is an open bar during the trip (their specialty is their own "Pirates Poison") and the barbecue they serve is excellent. For non-drinkers like us there is a choice of juices and soda so don't think this is just a "booze" cruise. We also see folks of all ages on board so the trip is definitely "kid-friendly". When the famous rope swing comes out at one of the reef stops, people young and

old get to let out their inner child. We've seen people from other ships watching us many times at this reef, and you just know they are wishing they were part of our cruise! Jolly Pirates also offer a sunset cruise that is too beautiful for words. The best thing about Jolly Pirates is that they don't just see you as a patron – to them you are a new member of their Jolly Pirate family. I can't imagine any better way to have fun while in Aruba.

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**UNION, S.C.** - Looking to build upon their best season yet, Team Aruba had high hopes heading into Dragstock X. However, tricky conditions left many competitors scratching their heads and upsets became the rule as regular frontrunners were sidelined early in qualifying and eliminations. Unfortunately for Team Aruba, this was also the case for the Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang.

Trevor Eman and team had a credible performance during qualifying, securing the number 15 spot with a 4.129 at 176 MPH. Although this put them in the field, the team was fighting an electrical issue, as well as finicky track conditions and knew they weren't running the numbers of which they were capable. Unfortunately, their issues would follow them to round one against competitor Kevin Bealko. Eman bested Bealko on reaction time (.033 to .059), but early tire shake forced Eman to abort the run and hand Bealko the win.

"Our week started out well, with displays for Alltel Wireless," told Eman. "We were really looking forward to this event and excited to have Alltel representatives at the track with us. It is always a pleasure to see them enjoy being at the race-track with us. Unfortunately, we weren't able to give them the performance we expected.

"The track was very tricky this past weekend," continued the Aruba native. "I know the Traction Twins did their best to give us a good racing surface, because you could see them work like dogs out on that hot track during all hours of the day and night, but unfortunately the racing

## Team Aruba puts Dragstock in rearview mirror

surface did not cooperate with them, us, or many of the other competitors. All we can do is put Dragstock behind us and make sure we perform better in Houston, which will be the last race of the year.

"On a more positive note, Team Aruba would

like to congratulate the ADRL for packing the house, both with countless amounts of fans and a record number of participants. It's always great to run in front of full stands. Despite being a sub-par weekend for us, I think the fans were able to enjoy a great week-

end of racing."

The final event of the ADRL season, the World Finals, will be held at Royal Purple Raceway in Baytown, Tx. October 18-19.

"We'll be looking to redeem ourselves at the World Finals," Eman added. "We've had our

strongest performance ever this 2013 season, so we're counting Dragstock as just a small bump in the road and looking to finish the year strong. Hopefully after the World Finals, we'll have another trophy to look at and inspire us during the off season!" □

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Jim Furyk smiles as he prepares to hit his tee shot on the first hole during the third round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013.

Associated Press

## Rain keeps leaders away at BMW Championship

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**LAKE FOREST, Illinois (AP)** — Jim Furyk will have to wait one more day to try to end three years without a PGA Tour victory.

The final round of the BMW Championship was suspended Sunday because of steady rain that left too much water on Conway Farms. Furyk, who has a one-shot lead over Steve Stricker, was still about two hours away from even teeing off.

"The bad news — obviously, I'm anxious to get out there and play, as is everyone else," Furyk said. "But the good news is no one wants to go out and play in this and slop it around in bad weather on a golf course where we're playing the ball down and it's probably a little too wet out there."

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Washington Redskins' Josh Wilson sacks Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Green Bay, Wis.

Associated Press

## NFL Capsules

# Packers rip `Skins behind Rodgers' 480

**GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP)** — GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for a career-high 480 yards and four touchdowns and the Green Bay Packers used a big first half against the Washington Redskins to win their home opener 38-20 on Sunday.

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III threw for 320

yards and three second-half touchdowns. Pierre Garcon had 143 yards receiving and a touchdown. But it was too little, too late after Washington (0-2) fell short again after being outplayed early for a second straight week.

James Jones had a career-high 11 catches for 178 yards. James Starks ran for

132 yards and a touchdown.

Green Bay (1-1) built a 24-0 lead by halftime and never looked back.

**CHARGERS 33, EAGLES 30 PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Philip Rivers threw three touchdown passes to Eddie Royal, and Nick Novak kicked a 46-yard field goal with 7 seconds left, spoiling Chip

Kelly's home debut.

Michael Vick threw for a career-best 428 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score. But a porous Eagles defense couldn't stop Rivers all day.

He finished 36 of 47 for 419 yards, and the Chargers punted only once.

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## NFL Capsules

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They fumbled twice inside Philadelphia's 10 in the first half.

The teams combined for 1,150 total yards, including 539 for San Diego.

BEARS 31, VIKINGS 30

CHICAGO (AP) — Jay Cutler threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Martellus Bennett with 10 seconds left.

Minnesota's Blair Walsh had just kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3:15 remaining when Chicago took over at its 34. Cutler, who led the Bears back from an 11-point deficit in a season-opening win over Cincinnati, struck again.

A 23-yard pass to Bennett along the sideline put the ball on the 16. Cutler then spiked the ball before connecting with Bennett in the front corner of the end zone. Chicago remained unbeaten under new coach Marc Trestman despite committing four turnovers.

Cutler completed 28 of 39 passes for 290 yards and three touchdowns. But he was also intercepted twice and got stripped by Jared Allen on a sack, leading to a 61-yard touchdown return for Brian Robison in the second quarter.

CHIEFS 17, COWBOYS 16 KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Alex Smith threw for 223 yards and two touchdowns, and the Kansas City defense held when it needed to in the fourth quarter.

Jamaal Charles ran for 55 yards and caught a touchdown pass for the Chiefs, who made new coach Andy Reid a winner in his home debut.

The Chiefs also matched their victory total from all of last season by starting 2-0 for just the second time since 2005.

Dwayne Bowe's touchdown catch in the third quarter and Ryan Succop's 40-yard field goal early in the fourth gave the Chiefs a 17-13 lead. The Cowboys (1-1) answered with a deep march into Kansas City territory but had to settle for Dan Bailey's 53-yard



**Chicago Bears tight end Martellus Bennett, left, catches the game-winning touchdown reception late in the second half of an NFL football game on Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Chicago. Vikings cornerback Chris Cook defends. The Bears won 31-30.**

Associated Press

field goal with 3:55 left.

The Chiefs offense never gave the Cowboys a chance to mount a winning drive.

TEXANS 30, TITANS 24, OT HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie DeAndre Hopkins caught a 3-yard touchdown pass in overtime to cap Houston's comeback win.

With Andre Johnson out after being shaken up in the fourth quarter, Hopkins reached above Jason McCourty and pulled in the pass from Matt Schaub to give Houston the victory.

The Texans (2-0) needed a franchise-record 21-point comeback to win their opener at San Diego 31-28. On Sunday, they charged back from an eight-point, fourth-quarter deficit against the Titans (1-1).

Arian Foster's 1-yard touchdown and 2-point conversion tied it at 24-24 with less than two minutes left.

Houston forced a punt and got within field goal range after that. But Randy Bullock's 46-yard field goal attempt bounced off the left upright to force overtime. It was his third miss of the day.

BILLS 24, PANTHERS 23

ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP) — Rookie EJ Manuel hit Stevie Johnson for a 2-yard touchdown pass with 2 seconds left.

The touchdown capped a nine-play, 80-yard drive in which the first-round draft pick completed 6 of 8 attempts for 51 yards. Man-

uel also got help on third-and-6 from Carolina's 29, when Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly was penalized for pass interference with 14 seconds left.

Two plays later, Manuel found Johnson alone in the left corner as Buffalo (1-1) bounced back from a 23-21 season-opening loss to New England.

The Panthers (0-2) lost yet another close game. They

were coming off a 12-7 loss to Seattle last week and have now dropped to 2-14 in games decided by 7 points or less in two-plus seasons under coach Ron Rivera.

DOLPHINS 24, COLTS 20 INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan Tannehill threw for 319 yards and one touchdown, and the Dolphins defense held off yet another Colts comeback bid. □

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## Norway's Suzann Pettersen wins Evian Championship



Suzann Pettersen of Norway is sprayed with champagne by a friend after winning the Evian Championship women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.  
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**JEROME PUGMIRE**  
AP Sports Writer  
**EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France**  
(AP) — Suzann Pettersen barely had time to hug her caddie before the Champagne started flowing. In the first women's major played in continental Europe, it was one of the continent's biggest stars who was left celebrating. Pettersen beat teenage star Lydia Ko of New Zealand by two shots to win the Evian Championship on Sunday and clinch the second major title of her career.

With two putts to win it, the Norwegian calmly rolled in her par attempt to clinch the title. She then leaned back and held her head in her hands, hugged her caddie and laughed as she was surrounded by friends spraying her with Champagne on the green. "I might start to get a bit emotional," Pettersen said, her voice wavering, as she collected the trophy. It was her first major since the LPGA Championship in 2007, and her second straight tournament win after the Safeway Classic this month. This was the first year that Evian counted as the fifth and final major of the year on the women's calendar.

"I don't know if it's quite sunk in yet that I've won another major. It's been a while but I'm pretty lucky to say that I've won two," the Norwegian said.

"Hopefully this is just the start. It's been such a great month, five weeks for me, starting off with the Solheim (Cup). It was a great kick-start for what became the best month of my career." The third-ranked Pettersen plans to have "one heck of a party" to celebrate, before focusing on her goal to earn the No. 1 ranking.

"This is part of the process, you have to win tournaments, you have to win majors," said Pettersen, who in the past has been hampered by a fiery temperament. "I feel I've been a lot more relaxed around the golf course over the past year, smiling a lot more. ... I've come to the age when I'm too old to be around and not be happy."

Pettersen posted a 3-under 68 to finish with a 10-under total of 203 after the tournament was reduced to three rounds when Thursday's play was washed out. The 16-year-old Ko was trying to become the youngest ever major champion, but settled for a 70.

"She's such a great competitor. She keeps us on our toes," the 32-year-old Pettersen said. "She's 16 and she's good enough to win tournaments, to win major championships. She's a future star for this game."

Top-ranked Inbee Park was looking to become the first golfer to win four majors in a year, but finished way out of contention.

Mika Miyazato of Japan held a one-shot lead going into the final round but collapsed completely with a 79 that left her in a tie for 19th.

That left Ko — at 16 years, 4 months, 22 days — as Pettersen's main challenger, but the New Zealander bogeyed the 13th to fall two shots behind and never looked likely to make a comeback. Her chip for birdie at the 18th — which would have put some pressure on Pettersen — stopped just left of the hole. She'll now have to wait until next year for a chance to break American Morgan Pressel's record of youngest major winner. Pressel was 18 years, 10 months, 9 days when she won the Kraft Nabisco Championship in 2007.

"I don't think I felt that nervous today, but coming down the last two holes I thought Suzann had it in the bag," Ko said. "It was really good to know that I could come close to a winner at a major. Hopefully next year it will be a 72-hole event."

American Lexi Thompson posted a 68 to finish four shots back in third place, with South Koreans So Yeon Ryu and Se Ri Pak five shots behind in a tie for fourth.

An overnight downpour rendered the course soggy and led to a 90-minute delay in the morning. "I thought today we would fight the weather more than we did, so it was a walk in the park just to stay dry," Pettersen said. □

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## Horner wins Vuelta as oldest grand tour champion

**MADRID (AP)** — At an age when most cyclists have already retired, Christopher Horner is getting the best results of his life.

The 41-year-old American veteran completed the biggest victory of his career on Sunday, winning the Spanish Vuelta to become the oldest champion of one of cycling's three-week grand tours.

"I've been a professional for almost 20 years so this represents a lifetime of hard work," Horner said. "A grand tour is always a goal for a cyclist to show how good of a rider you are. The memories will last forever."

Having effectively decided the race in the northern mountains over the last three days, Horner navi-

gated the final flat stage without mishap to arrive in Madrid together with his RadioShack-Leopard teammates and with a safe grip on the leader's red jersey.

Vincenzo Nibali of Italy and Spaniard Alejandro Valverde— both former winners— completed the podium.

The previous oldest winner for one of the three grand tours— the Vuelta, Tour de France and Giro d'Italia— was Fermin Lambot, who won the 1922 Tour at the age of 36.

Besides being the oldest, Horner is also the first American to win the Vuelta.

"Many riders winning in their 20s and early 30s have small children, but mine are at the age where

they can appreciate what dad is doing," Horner said. "When I get back, it will be quite the topic at home." Horner, who will turn 42 next month, beat nearest challenger Nibali by finishing ahead of the Italian in each of the final three mountainous stages before Sunday's 110-kilometer (68-mile) ride from Leganes to Madrid.

Michael Matthews of Australia won the 21st and final stage in a sprint through Madrid's city center.

"We only had four other teammates to help with the sprint today, but everyone did their job 100 percent to help me get the win," Matthews said after his second stage win at this Vuelta for Orica Greenedge.

This edition of the Vuelta,



**Christopher Horner of United States raises his arms after winning the Spanish Vuelta cycling race in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. American veteran Horner completed the biggest victory of his career on Sunday, winning the Spanish Vuelta at the age of 41 to become the oldest champion of one of cycling's three-week grand tours.**

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the 68th, had been crafted to favor strong climbers with 13 of its 21 stages set in the mountains.

And Horner made the most of it, consistently pulling away with his high riding stance and a wry smile on

his face while his younger rivals agonized behind him on the summit finishes.

"I loved this course. When I first saw the design I knew it was perfect for me and my style of racing," Horner said. □

### BMW Championships

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Rory McIlroy found one small consolation to the end of his PGA Tour season — he was one of six players who finished. McIlroy had yet another double bogey — that's 12 double bogeys and a triple bogey in three FedEx Cup playoff events — but holed out from 164 yards for eagle on the 12th hole and had his second straight 68.

It was the first time he had back-to-back rounds in the 60s in the same tournament this year on the PGA Tour.

Furyk was at 13-under 200 and in the final group with Stricker. Brandt Snedeker was two shots behind at 202, followed by Zach Johnson at 203 and Tiger Woods at 204.

Woods was penalized two shots on Friday when his

ball moved as he was removing a small branch next to it behind the first green.

Dustin Johnson closed with a 72 and had to wait to make sure no one bumped him out of the top 30 in the FedEx Cup, which would keep him from the Tour Championship. Johnson tried to hit 3-wood into the par-5 18th green and produced two splashes — one from water getting between the club face and the ball, the other when the ball came down well short and into a creek.

"It just came out dead," he said.

Everyone else was to return to Conway Farms on Monday morning and act like Sunday never happened. "I think we got the better end of the deal by not even playing in it," Stricker said.

Sluggish White, the vice



**Lee Westwood heads into a building to avoid rain during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., Sunday Sept. 15, 2013.**

Associated Press

president of rules and competition for the PGA Tour, said the forecast was for a half-inch of rain over six hours, which would not have been enough for water to accumulate. Instead, there was an inch of rain and so much water that there would have been no

place to take relief from casual water. The problem holes were Nos. 3, 9, 10 and 12.

"Casual water was going to take us to where we couldn't play," White said. The tour chose to play the ball down, meaning players could not lift, clean

and replace their golf balls through the green. Play was stopped for 3½ hours in the late morning, and then it was called again for good after the round resumed for just under an hour. Of the 48 players who at least teed off, none were within 10 shots of the lead when they started.

Even so, the conditions were difficult for those who still had something at stake. Charles Howell III started the week at No. 31 in the FedEx Cup standings. He was 1 over through four holes. Rickie Fowler had a chance to get into the top 30 and advance to the Tour Championship. He shot 77 in the first round and bounced back with a pair of 68s. Fowler was 2 under through four holes Sunday.

The final round was to resume at 8 a.m. with a reasonable forecast. □



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# Mayweather leaves no doubt after another big win

**TIM DAHLBERG**

**AP Boxing Writer**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Two

years. Four more fights.

The end of Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s career is in sight, because even the best fighter of his era can't beat Father Time. He'll be 38 and another \$150 million or so richer when his lucrative contract with Showtime ends, and by then even the fighter raised from birth to be in the ring will likely have had his fill.

Appreciate his spectacular skills while you can. After what Mayweather did Saturday night to Canelo Alvarez, it's hard to argue when he proclaims himself as one of the greatest ever to lace on the gloves.

The only real question now is, can anyone give him a legitimate fight?

"I don't know what the future holds now," Mayweather said. "I'm not psychic."

Maybe not, but Mayweather knows this: He'll fight next May (Cinco de Mayo he calls it) against someone and he'll make another huge purse to fund his ever growing collection of exotic cars and his six-figure bets on football and basketball games. After that, there will be three more fights, and then Mayweather plans to retire to his Big Boy mansion on a golf course near the Las Vegas Strip.

"I've only got 24 months left," he said.

Whether he sticks to that plan remains to be seen, of course. Fighters can be their own worst enemies when it comes time to calling it quits, and Mayweather by then would likely be 49-0 and one fight away from breaking the unbeaten mark set by Rocky Marciano before he retired.

Mayweather's problem



**Floyd Mayweather Jr. celebrates after defeating Canelo Alvarez during a 152-pound title fight, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, in Las Vegas.**

right now is he might be too good. Alvarez was supposed to be the one fighter who could give him a tussle, but the Mexican champion spent all night punching at air as Mayweather put on a virtuoso performance that had everyone raving except the one ring-side judge who somehow found a way to score the fight even.

The 114-114 scorecard of C.J. Ross was as bizarre as Justin Bieber walking into the ring with Mayweather, with rapper Lil' Wayne on the other side. Two other judges had Mayweather an easy winner, while The Associated Press had him winning all but one round,

119-109.

What was even more impressive was Mayweather dominated despite hurting his left elbow while throwing a punch midway through the fight. He said he hesitated to use his jab for a few rounds, then decided he had to work through the pain because his kids were watching and he wanted to show them their dad was a winner.

Few can argue with that after Mayweather raised his impeccable record to 45-0 in what may have been the richest fight of all time. The live gate itself was a record \$20 million, and promoters will find out in the coming weeks if the fight

generated the 2 million or so pay-per-view buys that could add several more millions to the \$41.5 million purse Mayweather was guaranteed.

Mayweather was the main draw as usual, but it was Alvarez who put the fight over the top. Undefeated in 42 fights and the owner of a piece of the 154 pound title he was supposed to be the toughest test yet for Mayweather, and his fans made up a big portion of the sellout crowd at the MGM Grand arena on Mexican Independence Day weekend. Some in Mexico estimated up to 80 percent of the country's population watched the

country's biggest sports hero try to become the first to beat boxing's reigning pound-for-pound champion.

But Mayweather dominated from the first round on, attacking Alvarez with sharp jabs and straight right hands that found their mark early and often. Alvarez tried his best to press the action and land big punches but Mayweather was too elusive and as the fight went on Alvarez grew more frustrated by the round.

Mayweather's dominance was reflected in ringside punch stats that showed him landing twice the number of punches as Alvarez, but even that didn't reflect how lopsided the fight was. Mayweather took a young and highly regarded champion and gave him a boxing lesson the likes of which he'll never experience again.

"Obviously I didn't want to lose," the 23-year-old said. "It hurts." Mayweather was effusive in his praise for Alvarez afterward, saying he will be a great champion for years to come. What Alvarez did best, though, was make Money May even more money than he's ever gotten in a fight before. Promoters talked about several fighters who could be next for Mayweather, including Danny Garcia, who remained unbeaten with an upset win over Lucas Matthysse in a 140-pound title fight on the undercard. But Mayweather himself was at a loss to say who he might fight next May, perhaps because it's hard to imagine anyone challenging his dominance.

"I just need a vacation," Mayweather said. "I haven't taken a vacation in four or five years." □

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## Twitter flies from obscurity to the height of fame

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Pope. President Barack Obama. Queen Elizabeth. Oprah Winfrey.

When Twitter started seven years ago as an obscure medium for geeks, critics dismissed it as an exercise in narcissism. Some thought it would be as intriguing as watching people gaze at their bellybuttons. But it quickly matured into a worldwide messaging service used by everyone from heads of state to revolutionaries to companies trying to hawk products.

Now, Twitter is taking the next critical step in its evolution — selling stock to the public. It promises to be the most hyped and scrutinized initial public offering since Facebook's Wall Street debut in May 2012. To be successful, the company will need to become an advertising behemoth and prove that the same service that has already helped change the course of history can also make

money.

Twitter quietly slipped out news of its plan to go public in a tweet on Thursday afternoon. By the next morning, nearly 14,000 of Twitter's 200 million users had retransmitted the message. "Twitter epitomizes the revolution of social media ... more than Facebook, more than YouTube," says Fordham University communications professor Paul Levinson, author of "New New Media." "It caters to the immediacy, the equality of all users."

And yet, Twitter really isn't that big. Only about 15 percent of Americans say they've ever used Twitter, according to an August poll by the Pew Internet and American Life Project. That's up from 9 percent in June 2010. At the time of Facebook's IPO, an AP-CNBC poll found that 56 percent of Americans said they had pages on Facebook. Some 17 percent said they used the site several times a day. Twitter's 200 million global users represent about one-sixth

of Facebook's 1.16 billion. If Facebook were a country, it would be the world's third-largest behind China and India. Twitter would clock in at No. 6, edging out Pakistan.

Even so, Twitter generates more news than Facebook. A big part of that is its public nature, Levinson says. With their messages of 140 characters or less, most people tweet openly, for better or for worse, allowing the world a glimpse at their thoughts. Facebook, in contrast, gives its users a plethora of controls to hide or show posts to as many or as few people as they'd like. That means many users share updates only with people they already know. "You can rub elbows with famous people instantly," Levinson says, noting that people can send a message to the president or a movie star just as easily as they communicate with a friend. "That's what makes communication in the 21st century radically different from any time in the past. It wasn't until Twitter that the combination of speed and access to anyone became available for everyone."

Twitter might never have become the world's digital watercooler if Noah Glass and Evan Williams had convinced more people to tune into a podcasting service called Odeo started in 2005. Less than a year after its birth, it became apparent that Odeo was destined to be a dud. Not even its own employees were using it that much.

By early 2006, Glass and fellow Odeo programmer Jack Dorsey began work on a new project. They were given the go-ahead to work with co-worker Christopher "Biz" Stone on a way to corral the menagerie of text mes-



This combination of Associated Press File photos shows six prominent figures on Twitter. From top left, Oprah Winfrey, the Dalai Lama, the Bronx Zoo's once missing Egyptian Cobra, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, President Barack Obama, and Pope Benedict XVI. In the seven years since its founding, Associated Press

sages typically sent over a phone. It was an offshoot of Dorsey's longtime fascination with the dispatch systems used by police cars, fire trucks, delivery trucks and taxis. Dorsey even wrote dispatch software in one of his first jobs. It was Glass who came up with the original name Twtr in a reference to chirping birds. (The two vowels were added later.) On March 21, 2006, Dorsey posted the world's first tweet: "Just setting up my twtr". Glass posted the same words just 10 minutes later.

By 2007, Twitter was incorporated with Dorsey as the original CEO and Williams as chairman. Dorsey and Williams would eventually swap roles. Both remain major shareholders, though neither runs the company. Dick Costolo, a former Google executive and once an aspiring stand-up comedian, is now CEO. Despite his early involvement in Twitter, Glass was never promoted as one of the company's found-

ers along with Dorsey, Stone and Williams. Glass, though, proudly boasts of his role on a Twitter account that he rarely uses. His Twitter profile states: "I started this." Perhaps Twitter's greatest appeal is that it allows users to see news unfold in real time. People can follow and even communicate with newsmakers. And they can witness history. In 2009, Twitter became an essential communication tool in Iran as the country's government cracked down on traditional media after a disputed presidential election. Tech-savvy Iranians took to Twitter to organize protests. As the events unfolded, they used the service to send messages and pictures to the outside world. Twitter played a similar role in the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings in Egypt and other countries. Today, a billion tweets are sent every two and a half days. To be fair, most tweets don't comprise the world's weightiest matters. □

## V&A Museum buys working gun made on 3-D printer

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain's Victoria & Albert Museum says it has bought a working gun made on a 3-D printer, which sparked alarm among anti-firearms campaigners when it was unveiled in the United States.

The museum says the gun is an addition to its collection of "new, influential, innovative or experimental" contemporary design.

The "Liberator" gun was developed by University of Texas law student Cody

Wilson, and made from plastic components created on a 3-D printer.

Wilson fired the gun in May, and posted blueprints online, sparking a debate about potential uses of the machines, which pump out layers of plastics, metal and other materials to create 3-D objects with moving parts.

The museum said Sunday it had acquired two Liberator prototypes, a disassembled gun and a number of archive items. □



## Sommer Column: When the frost is on the pumpkin, and stocks

**JEFF SOMMER**

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Mark Twain was a savant about the stock market, as he was about so much else.

"October. This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks in," he wrote in a mock diary entry in the novel "Pudd'nhead Wilson." He added, "The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February."

Twain published this bit of satire in 1894, two years before the birth of the Dow Jones industrial average. He wasn't much of an investor himself, but he nevertheless captured the behavior of the stock market from his time to the present. Stock speculation has been dangerous in all seasons, of course, much as Twain suggested. But, oddly, he was right about something else: a new statistical study shows that October, by some measures, is the most "peculiarly dangerous" of all months for the stock market. The two months that bracket it are almost as risky, the study also says, and autumn Mondays are particularly perilous days of the week.

The research was done by Salil Mehta, a statistician and econometrician who has firsthand experience with risk measurement, on Wall Street and in Washington, where he was director of analytics in the Treasury Department for the \$700 billion TARP program, and director of policy, research and analysis for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. He is now an independent consultant and adjunct professor of statistics at Georgetown University, and writes a very wonky and provocative blog called "Statistical Ideas."

In a recent post, "Our Autumn of Discontent," Mehta said that there were some solid statistical anchors for the old notion that fall is a dangerous time for investors.

The cascading market declines precipitated by the collapse of Lehman Bros. in the awful autumn of 2008 seemed to provide dramatic examples of the season's hazards. What's more, history shows that, on a percentage basis, five of the 10 worst days since the Dow's inception have occurred in October, along with one in November, and one in the first half of December. And six of the 10 worst days were Mondays.

Still, this could all be a fluke.

proach, using as his database the daily returns of the Dow from its inception in May 1896 through the middle of last month. Record-keeping for the Dow has been imperfect, particularly in its early days, so Mehta eliminated unreliable data. He ended up with a sample size of 29,400 days, large enough to allow him to apply some sophisticated techniques. He sought to determine whether there actually were seasonal patterns for really bad days, which he

erage of 17.9 for the other eight months. Mehta also found that Mondays were riskier for the market than other weekdays. Some 85 of these big declines occurred on Mondays, compared with an average of 52 for the other four days of the market week.

There is less than a 1 percent probability that any of these patterns occurred by chance alone, Mehta said. "I've established that the deviation is statistically significant," he said, though he added that "I haven't



**A black cat strolls over a pile of pumpkins at a farm near Potsdam, eastern Germany.**  
(AP Photo/dpa, Ralf Hirschberger)

Because any 10-worst list is an inherently small sample, and because that tiny list is drawn from a long period, any apparent correlations drawn from it alone have no statistical significance. There have also been many academic studies on this subject, illustrating apparent seasonal patterns in stock markets around the world but not fully explaining why they might exist. "Sell in May and go away," by now an adage on Wall Street, was common wisdom in London early in the last century. One study of 300 years of monthly English stock data found persistent underperformance in October. But no one really knows why such patterns have occurred.

Mehta doesn't, either, but he has taken a new ap-

proach, using as his database the daily returns of the Dow from its inception in May 1896 through the middle of last month. Record-keeping for the Dow has been imperfect, particularly in its early days, so Mehta eliminated unreliable data. He ended up with a sample size of 29,400 days, large enough to allow him to apply some sophisticated techniques. He sought to determine whether there actually were seasonal patterns for really bad days, which he

defined as the 1 percent of days with the biggest stock declines. The cutoff for inclusion in that dubious group turned out to be a daily drop of 3.2 percent, he said. On average, there have been five declines that big every two years, although we haven't had one since November 2011. The seasonal and weekly patterns that emerged from his sifting are statistically significant, he says. "The autumn does appear to be the riskiest time of year," with October being the riskiest month.

found the causation."

One possibility is very simple, he said. Historically, the stock market has risen more than it has fallen. And because people tend to think in terms of calendar years, it is often the case that they realize their portfolios have risen by the time the autumn comes around, so by then they are ready to take profits, driving down stock prices. Once prices start dropping, major declines become more likely.

And why have Mondays been a troubled day of the week? It could be because investors have time over the weekend to fret and to decide to unload some stocks.

This autumn, the market has its own particular vulnerabilities.□

## Coal industry scales back its export goals

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**HOUSTON** - The ailing U.S. coal industry, which has pinned its hopes on exports to counter a declining market at home, is scaling back its ambitions as demand from abroad starts to ebb as well.

Just south of here, New Elk Coal terminated its lease late last month at the Port of Corpus Christi, where it had hoped to export coal to Brazil, Europe and Asia. Two days later, when the federal government tried to auction off a tract in Wyoming, not a single coal company made a bid.

They were the latest signs that a global coal glut and price slump, along with environmental opposition, are reducing the likelihood that additional exports could shield the industry from slipping domestic demand caused by cheap natural gas and mounting regulations. U.S. coal exports this year are expected to decline roughly 5 percent from last year's record of 125 million tons, and many experts predict the decline will quicken next year. At the beginning of 2012, the coal industry had plans to expand port capacity by an additional 185 million tons. But those hopes have faded. The main reason is China's softening demand growth, experts say. For most of the past decade, China accounted for more than 50 percent of world coal demand, driving up prices and stimulating mining activity across Australia and Indonesia and as far away as Colombia and South Africa. With Australia and Indonesia straining to produce for China, South Korea and Japan increasingly looked to the United States for future supplies, boosting interest in the building of export terminals in Oregon and Washington state and on the Gulf of Mexico. But those hopes have appeared to recede. China has taken a number of steps to slow its coal imports.□





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# The Payday At Twitter Most Were Waiting For

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**SAN FRANCISCO** - In June 2007, Evan Williams was looking for investors for a quirky Internet communications service called Twitter that he had co-founded.

He had signed up a number of well-known Silicon Valley financiers, but he also dashed off a note to his old friend Dick Costolo, who had just sold his company to Google, asking if he would like to put in \$25,000 or \$100,000.

"I'm on the \$25k bus," Costolo replied three minutes after receiving the email. "Thanks Ev, this will be a lot of fun." Costolo, who is now the chief executive of Twitter, is one of a handful of individual investors who stand to reap the rewards of a potential initial public offering of stock in the social network. The company said Thursday that it had filed early paperwork with regulators to conduct such a sale, which will probably occur late this year or early next year. Although many details are still unclear - most of all the offering price of Twitter's stock - Costolo's initial investment is probably worth more than \$10 million, with additional shares he has received as an executive worth many millions more, according to people knowledgeable about the company's finances. Twitter declined to comment on its finances, citing the confidential nature of its IPO filings at this stage in the process.

Williams, who provided crucial early financing for Twitter and remains its largest shareholder, will almost certainly become a billionaire. The venture investor Chris Sacca and at least

two venture capital firms, Union Square Ventures and Spark Capital, will also very likely end up with stakes exceeding \$1 billion each, according to an analysis of financial documents and interviews with people who know about Twitter's finances. Others could make tens of millions or even hundreds of millions of dollars. Not everyone will be so lucky.

Twitter struggled in its early days, even laying off employees as it tried to conserve its cash. Just two years ago, there were questions about its viability as it tried to figure out how to wring revenue from the endless stream of 140-character messages generated by its users. Many early investors and employees sold hundreds of millions of dollars of stock in 2011 to

a Russian investment firm, DST Global, that was eager to buy in.

"To see it come to life and have it taken away, I was devastated," said Dom Sagolla, an early employee of Twitter who was laid off in May 2006 and never received stock. While Sagolla has made some money by proxy from Twitter - he wrote a book that tells newcomers how to use

the service and is doing some paid public speaking - he does not stand to benefit as Twitter heads to Wall Street.

Twitter's IPO will not be nearly as large as Facebook's \$16 billion offering last year, but it will still create a multimillionaires club of dozens of early believers. "For me personally, this is a once-in-a-decade or once-in-a-career kind of investment," said Bijan Sabet, a partner at Spark Capital, one of the earliest investors in Twitter.

If history is a guide, the money generated by the Twitter offering will also provide the seed money for the next generation of scrappy tech companies that could grow to compete with Twitter.

"When you have a successful IPO, it gives people confidence both in the public and private markets and they are directly correlated," said James A. Moore, a senior executive at Columbia Business School's entrepreneurship program and founder of J. Moore Partners, a technology mergers and acquisitions consulting firm. □



Dick Costolo, chief executive of Twitter, at their global headquarters in San Francisco. Costolo is expected to make a great deal of money from Twitter's initial public offering, especially from the \$25,000 check he wrote as an angel investor in 2007, for the then start-up company's first major round of funding. (Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

## At labor group, a sense of a broader movement

STEVEN GREENHOUSE  
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**LOS ANGELES** - As soon as the delegates to the AFL-CIO's convention entered the hall, they encountered a booth where three 20-somethings were teaching labor leaders more than twice their age how to use Facebook and Twitter. Behind the booth was a sign saying, "Online Strategies that Rock the Movement."

At the center of the welcoming hall, brilliantly colored 10-foot-tall posters of workers and union slogans

towered over the convention delegates. All this was a far cry from the drab scenes found at many union gatherings of the past.

After decades of decline, the energy and focus - and, yes, the artwork - at this week's AFL-CIO convention signaled, as one union president put it, "our need to put some movement back in the labor movement."

For the delegates at the convention, which ended Thursday, there was a burning realization that the sta-

tus quo was not working for the nation's labor unions. Wages for union and non-union workers alike have flatlined, while the percentage of private sector workers in unions has slipped to less than one-fifth the level during organized labor's prime.

Desperate to figure out how to stop labor's descent, the AFL-CIO, a federation of 57 labor unions, invited scores of nonunion groups, including the National Organization for Women, United Students Against Sweatshops and

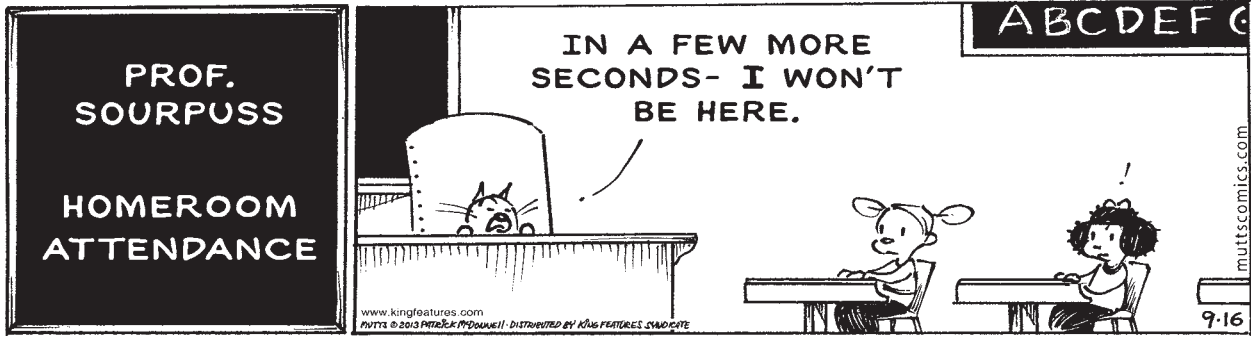
Arts and Democracy, to the four-day convention to brainstorm on how to shore up the sagging labor movement.

"Everyone has come to the realization that we need more partners, that we got to rebuild the movement, that we have faced all these vicious attacks," said Lee Saunders, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

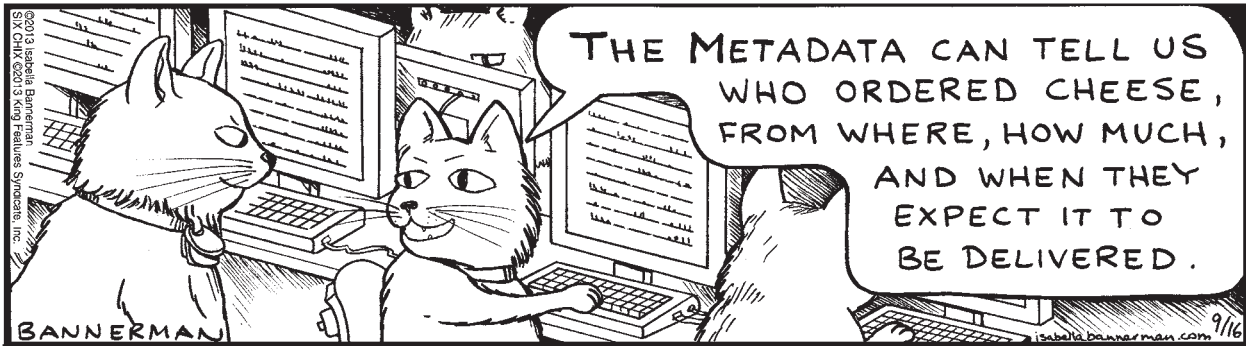
"Maybe it takes a bat to your head, but people get it now. People are engaged." □



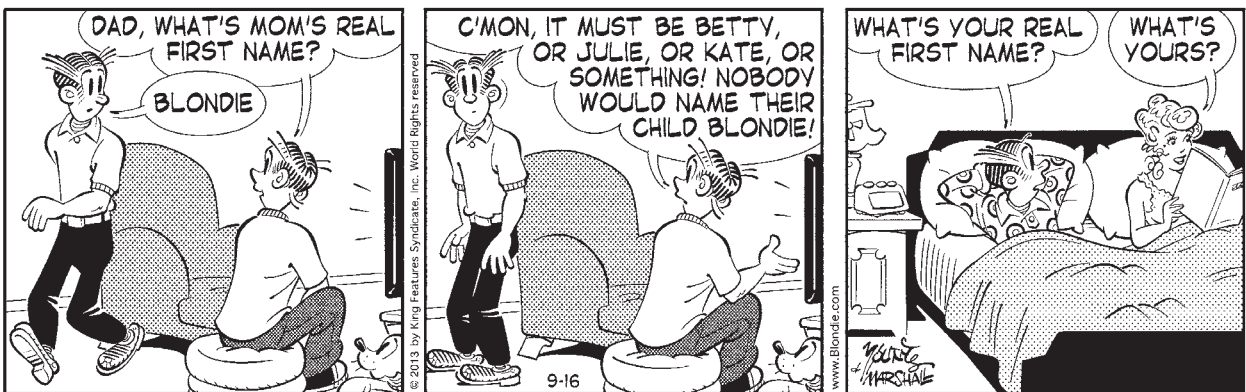
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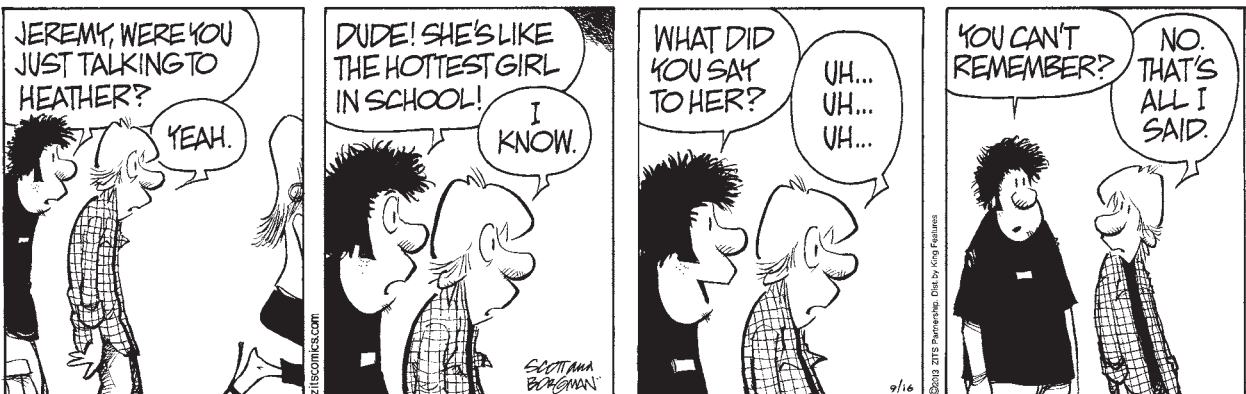
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

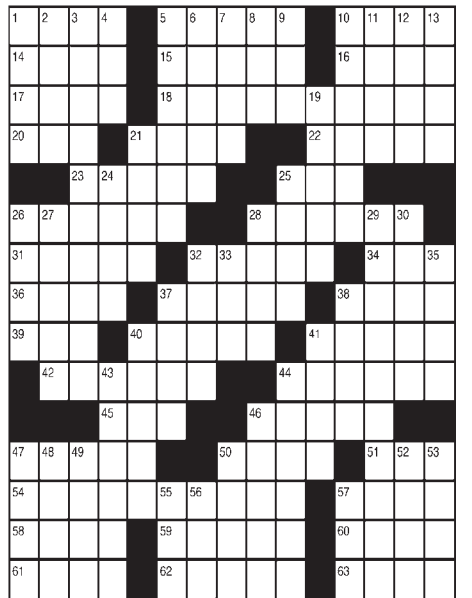
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### ACROSS

- Coat or shawl
- Reduce to \_\_; burn up
- Minor biblical prophet
- Israeli circle dance
- Fine-tune
- Three kings of biblical fame
- TV show award
- Capital of Pennsylvania
- Pekoe or oolong
- Take care of
- Pompeo or Burstyn
- \_\_ weight; puts on pounds
- Dollar bill
- Coils of yarn
- Insight; sagacity
- Like a garden after the rain
- Crafty cunning
- Male sheep
- Chances
- Antlers
- Deep mud
- Wet sticky stuff
- Adolescents
- Book leaves
- Slow crawlers
- Negligent
- TV's Skelton
- Nut variety
- Up and about
- Feeble
- Fore and \_\_
- \_\_ ads; section of a newspaper
- Uninteresting
- Create
- Dig deeply
- \_\_ mater; one's former school
- Peepers
- More peculiar
- Russian "no"

### DOWN

- Sharpen
- Italy's capital
- Final battle of good and evil
- Salary
- Greek capital
- Graceful waterbirds
- Group of cattle
- Cochlea's place
- Emulate Jean-Claude Killy
- Strolled
- Injure by treating roughly
- Meanie
- Endorse
- Good judgment
- Wee
- Lends a hand
- Lubricates
- Air pollution
- Praise
- Is victorious
- In the beginning
- Female horses
- \_\_ away; departs
- "Ode on a Grecian \_\_"
- State of clutter
- \_\_ up; delayed



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### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

MORE	DWARF	WIND
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## Not to be, um, trifled with, Texas guards its slogans

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HOUSTON - Don't mess with Texas. In fact, don't even mess with "Don't Mess With Texas."

The trademarked slogan started out nearly 30 years ago as the clarion call of a campaign to reduce highway littering. But over the years it has become something far bigger: an identity statement, a declaration of Texas swagger - from barrooms to sports arenas to political conventions. And Texas is touchy about who uses it and how.

In July, a Montana company that makes Western-themed accessories stopped selling a "Don't Mess With Texas" belt buckle after the Texas Department of Transportation, which owns the federally registered trademark on the phrase, threatened legal action and told the firm to ship the offending merchandise to Austin.

The author of a romance novel titled "Don't Mess With Texas," "a thrill ride of hunky heroes, hilarious high jinks and heartwarming romance," found herself in a legal battle with the state after it filed a lawsuit in a federal court in Austin alleging trademark infringement.

Days before the book was to be released, the state's lawyers asked a judge to prohibit it from being sold while the case was underway. The judge denied the state's request, but Texas ultimately won a dispute that dragged for nearly nine months. The suit was settled last year, and the author, Christie Craig, agreed to pay Texas \$2,500 and change the book's title. "Don't Mess With Texas" became "Only in Texas."

In a state whose governor likes to point out that Houston was the first word spoken on the moon, it should come as no surprise that Texas not only invented its most famous catchphrase, but that it also fights to ensure that catchphrase is used to the state's satisfaction.

Texas officials say they want to prevent "Don't

Mess With Texas" from losing its original anti-littering message and protect the authorized use of its trademark. But others say that the state has been overzealous and that it is seek-

protective of another popular phrase: "Remember the Alamo."

The state and its General Land Office, which oversees the historic site in San Antonio, registered "the

board. Texas won that fight, too: "I Can't Remember the Alamo" underwear was never sold because the bar owner, Christopher Erck, abandoned the trademark application. □



The "Don't Mess With Texas" phrase on a trash can in Houston, Sept. 10, 2013. "Don't Mess With Texas," the trademarked slogan, has become something far bigger: an identity statement, and the state is touchy about who uses it and how.

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)

ing to control a phrase so popular and well-worn that people now associate it more with tough Texans than with litterbugs.

It is used wherever and whenever Texans want to claim superiority or victory or simply boast of a Texan's Texas-ness. Since 2000, Texas transportation officials have contacted more than 100 companies, organizations and individuals about the unauthorized use of the phrase, often in the form of strongly worded cease-and-desist letters that warn violators to either stop using the slogan or obtain licensing for it for a fee. (New York, with its often-imitated "I(HEART)NY" logo, has threatened hundreds more, sending out roughly 350 cease-and-desist letters since 2008.)

But Texas has been just as

Alamo" as a trademark, and it has claimed common-law rights, a more limited type of trademark protection that does not require federal registration, on "Remember the Alamo." Last year, a San Antonio bar owner tried to register the phrase "I Can't Remember the Alamo," hoping to plaster it on T-shirts, mugs and even underwear.

Texas opposed the bar owner's trademark application, arguing that it would lead consumers to believe it was sponsored by the General Land Office and that it tarnished the state "by communicating that the heroism and sacrifice undertaken by its forebears is not worthy of memory or esteem," the agency wrote to the trademark appeals

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# Calif., Chinese officials announce climate deal

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**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— California Gov. Jerry Brown and China's top climate negotiator on Friday signed the first agreement between a U.S. state and China that seeks greater cooperation on clean energy technologies and research meant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The memorandum of understanding signed with China's National Development and Reform Commission was another aggressive move by California to combat climate change. The state has already passed the nation's most ambitious greenhouse gas limits, including a so-called "cap and trade" system that put a price on carbon pollution in the state.

"I see the partnership between China and ... California as a catalyst, and as a lever to change policies in the United States and,



**California Gov. Jerry Brown, front right, and China's National Development and Reform Commission Vice Chairman Xie Zhenhua, front left, sign an agreement to boost bilateral cooperation on climate change during a news conference at the Bay Area Council, Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, in San Francisco, Calif.**  
**Associated Press**

ultimately, to change policies throughout the world," Brown said just before signing the agreement. Under the two-year com-

mitment, Chinese and California environment and energy officials will work together to find ways to share new low-carbon

technologies, as well as research and policy innovations meant to combat climate change. China and the U.S. are the

world's top two greenhouse gas emitters.

The two sides also agreed to immediately create a task force comprising top officials including China's director general of the Department of Climate Change and California's head of the state Environmental Protection Agency. "That's the significance of this memorandum of understanding. It involves agencies of state government, agencies of the People's Republic of China ... the University of California, businesses, research scientists in both the public and private sector. This is a very important opportunity," Brown said.

Brown and NDRC Vice Chairman Xie Zhenhua said the idea is to help each side share in ways to tighten industrial performance standards to control methane, carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions. The two governments would also exchange experts and organize workshops.

"California is being a very good role model and taking a leading role (for climate change regulation) in the U.S.," Xie said through an interpreter.

Xie added that, in China, climate change has become more of a priority as people have realized that it is taking a severe economic and human toll.

Experts on U.S. and Chinese environmental law and climate policy said the agreement is promising at a time when international climate negotiations have stalled in recent years.

"NDRC is the most powerful Chinese agency when it comes to Chinese development and energy projects," said Robert Percival, director of the environmental law program at University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law.

"The pattern that is emerging is that as consensus becomes virtually impossible in global climate negotiations, the U.S. and China are realizing that they can make huge progress simply by working bilaterally." □

# Japan launches new, cheaper rocket

**MARI YAMAGUCHI**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)**

— Japan successfully launched a new rocket Saturday that it hopes will be a cheaper and more efficient way of sending satellites into space.

The three-stage Epsilon lifted off from a space center on Japan's southern main island of Kyushu, following a two-week postponement. An earlier launch last month was aborted 19 seconds before a planned liftoff due to a computer glitch.

About an hour after the liftoff, its payload — the SPRINT-A, the first space telescope designed to observe other planets — was successfully put into orbit, said Mari Harada, a spokeswoman at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA.

The liftoff was broadcast live on television networks, with footage showing a white, pencil-shaped rocket shot into the sky from the launch pad after spurting gray smoke and orange



**An Epsilon rocket lifts off from the Uchinoura Space Center in Kimotsuki town, Kagoshima, western Japan Saturday, Sept. 14 2013.**  
**Associated Press**

flash.

The agency declared it was a success.

"It was so thrilled that I was almost speechless," JAXA President Naoki Okumura told a televised news conference. "The challenge we had to face makes the excitement even greater." The Epsilon is the first new rocket design for Japan since the H2A was intro-

duced in 2001. The H2A remains Japan's primary rocket but officials hope the Epsilon will lead to improvements in the more costly H2A program. Japan hopes to be more competitive in the international rocket-launching business. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the success of a genuinely homemade rocket was a fruit of Japan's ex-

pertise and technology in space development.

"It demonstrates Japanese space technology is highly reliable," he said in a statement. He added that the success would lead to a self-sustainable space transportation system, further space utilization and to help Japan's economic growth. JAXA said the Epsilon costs about 3.8 billion yen (\$40 million), one-third the cost of the H2A. The rocket is about 24 meters (80 feet) tall, half the size of the H2A, and can be assembled and readied for launch in just one week, one-sixth of the time required for the H2A.

The Epsilon rocket, which uses a solid-fuel propellant, is meant to expand the scope of space missions Japan hopes to perform. It also streamlines the launch process. JAXA says the rocket's extensive use of computer technology means monitoring work that once required a full-staff control room can be done essentially on a single laptop. □



# 'Insidious' sequel scares up box-office success

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Moviegoers had an appetite for fright this weekend, sending "Insidious: Chapter 2" to the top of the box office.

The haunted-house horror sequel debuted in first place with \$41 million, more than tripling the opening take of the 2010 original.

Debating on Friday the 13th, FilmDistrict's "Insidious: Chapter 2" scored the highest September opening day ever, said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Hollywood.com. "It was a perfect release date for this movie," he said. "James Wan has cracked the code on making great horror movies."

The Australian director had another first-place opener earlier this summer with the "The Conjuring," another haunted-house thriller starring Patrick Wilson. Wilson

returns in "Insidious 2," playing a husband and father with some scary personal baggage.

FilmDistrict's president of distribution, Jim Orr, said the film's ticket sales nearly doubled studio expectations. "It's great to be in business with Blumhouse Productions and James Wan," he said. "They're just ridiculously talented and delivered a phenomenal film." Another newcomer, Relativity Media's Robert De Niro-Michelle Pfeiffer crime caper "The Family," opened in second place with \$14.5 million. That bumped last week's champ, "Riddick," to third. The Weinstein Co.'s "Lee Daniels' The Butler" continued its strong performance with a fourth-place finish that saw North American ticket sales cross the \$100 million mark.

The Jennifer Aniston-Jason Sudeikis Warner Bros. road-trip comedy "We're the



This film image released by FilmDistrict shows Danielle Bisutti in a scene from "Insidious: Chapter 2." Associated Press

Millers" rounded out the top five.

Both "The Butler" and "We're the Millers" have been in theaters for more than a month, contributing to a hearty box-office

that's been up the past four consecutive weeks after a record-breaking summer season.

"These movies have legs week after week, and that's bolstering the en-

tire marketplace," Dergarabedian said. "If you just have the brand-new movies doing well and the holdovers are dropping like rocks, then you have a problem." □

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# '12 Years a Slave' voted fan favorite in Toronto

**TORONTO (AP)** — "12 Years a Slave," has won the audience award at the Toronto International Film Festival, building Oscar momentum for Steve McQueen's unblinking portrait of slavery in 1840s America. McQueen's film beat out first runner-up "Philomena," directed by fellow Brit Stephen Frears, and second runner-up "Prisoners," directed by Quebec's Denis Villeneuve. Following the announcement Sunday, festival head Piers Handling suggested this was the begin-



Director Steve McQueen is seen at Fox Searchlight's Premiere of "12 Years A Slave", on Friday, September 6th, 2013 in Toronto, Canada. Associated Press

ning of many prestigious accolades for the sweeping drama.

"The King's Speech," "Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire" and "Slumdog Millionaire" all went on to multiple Academy Award nominations and wins after being crowned most popular in Toronto.

Every best picture winner since 2007 has played at the 11-day Toronto International Film Festival, which wrapped up Sunday. □

# John Legend weds Chrissy Teigen in Italy

**NEW YORK (AP)** — John Legend is officially off the market. The R&B crooner's representative says Legend married model Chrissy Teigen on Saturday at the Villa Pizzo in Lake Como, Italy. Legend, 34, and Teigen, 27, were engaged in 2011. Legend has won nine Grammy Awards. He released his fourth solo album, "Love In the Future," last week. Teigen has modeled for Sports Illustrated and is the host of the Vh1 reality competition show, "Model Employee." She also has a food blog. Legend will launch a U.S. tour next month. □



Chrissy Teigen, left, and John Legend attend the Badgley Mischka Spring 2014 collection on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York. Associated Press

# Phylicia Rashad takes on directing role

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Phylicia Rashad is best known for starring roles on stage and television, but as a director she decided to commemorate a historic moment that helped spur the civil rights movement. The Tony Award-winning actress directed a reading of the play "Four Little Girls: Birmingham 1963" at the Kennedy Center Sunday to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Four girls were killed in the explosion, which was set by white supremacists and helped



In this May 2, 2002, file photo, Phylicia Rashad, left, and Keshia Knight Pulliam from the "Cosby Show" arrive at NBC's 75th anniversary celebration at New York's Rockefeller Center.

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spur passage of landmark civil rights legislation. Rashad, who is recognized for her portrayal as the matriarch on "The Cosby Show" TV series and Broadway's "A Raisin in the Sun," said she wanted the reading to emphasize the "sanctity of joy, human existence and the value of all life." The play, written by Christina Ham, starred students from Howard University and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C. Rashad, an alumna of Howard University, said acting and directing are both challenging and rewarding. In her role as director, Rashad said she works to keep the creative energy in line with the writer's vision, "while leaving room for people to add to the vision in a collaborative effort." □

# Elisabeth Hasselbeck: Fox News feels like home

**By DAVID BAUDER**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** -- To Elisabeth Hasselbeck, the "Fox & Friends" morning show felt like home long before she actually got to work there.

It was regular viewing at home for Hasselbeck, whose 10 years on "The View" ended in July. She'll debut as Steve Doocy and Brian Kilmeade's new partner on "Fox & Friends" Monday, after the departing Gretchen Carlson offered farewells Friday.

"I'd almost make the analogy that it's being called up to play for one of your favorite teams in the major leagues," said Hasselbeck, whose opening week will include a series of reports with the cast of "Duck Dynasty."

Although its viewership is typically less than a quarter of leading broadcast morning show "Good Morning America," "Fox & Friends" thoroughly dominates cable.

It is averaging 1.1 million viewers a day this year, the Nielsen company said. MSNBC's "Morning Joe" is at 392,000. CNN's "New Day" has averaged 308,000 viewers since its launch in



This Aug. 2013 photo released by FOX News shows, from left, Steve Doocy, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Brian Kilmeade in New York. Hasselbeck debuts as Doocy and Kilmeade's new partner on "Fox & Friends" Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

the spring, enabling the network to slip past "Morning Express" on sister network HLN (249,000).

Carlson, a former Miss America, will get her own show on Fox's afternoon lineup.

She was serenaded by Gloria Estefan on her final day at "F&F" Friday, and watched a clip reel of past exploits: skipping rope, shooting basketballs, doing pushups, singing a Christmas carol and sharply questioning Robert Gibbs.

As Hasselbeck rehearsed for her new job last week, Fox News executive Bill Shine jokingly called her a

"survivor." He wasn't referring to her time spent on a tropical island with Jeff Probst.

Her conservative viewpoints often left her alone among her co-hosts on "The View," or the subject of barbs from the also-departed Joy Behar and Whoopi Goldberg. Hasselbeck said everybody has challenging days on the job, whether they're in broadcasting, medicine or education.

If they haven't had challenging days, "there hasn't been that growth moment," she said. □



# Back To Boehner



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Back to congressional gridlock. Back to watching John Boehner provide exciting updates like "we're continuing to work with our members." Maybe, if the stalemate goes on long enough, he will once again tell reporters: "If ands and buts were candy and nuts, every day would be Christmas." I always enjoy that part.

Tra-la-la. For the last few weeks, we've been awash in worries about profound problems in foreign affairs, but now we're going domestic again. We're back in budget crisis territory. Compared with Syria, it seems like a walk in the park. Good old fiscal cliffs. It's possible you've lost track of this over the summer, so I have prepared a calendar of upcoming events. Feel free to put it on the refrigerator:

Sept. 23: House of Representatives goes away. For a weeklong vacation. Because, you know, they need to see the folks back home that they didn't see when they were there all of August. It's possible that the Republican leadership will cancel their long-scheduled break rather than let it be said that the House only spent nine working days in Washington in the month before the federal government shut down. Which we would definitely be saying.

Oct. 1: Government shuts down! Do not plan a vacation in a national park for early October.

A critical chunk of House Republicans insist that they will only vote for a bill to keep government going if said legislation also defunds Obamacare. You may have noticed that House Republicans have a stupendously high opinion of health care reform. Most Democrats think it will be a very good thing over the long run, but probably a pain to implement, with lots of complaining from all sides. Republicans, on the other hand, think that the instant it goes into effect, voters will be so ecstatic they will toss out any public official who threatens to take it away from them. Yet, simultaneously, the world as we know it will come to an end. Go figure. Since neither the Senate nor the president will buy the defunding idea, Speaker Boehner came up with an interesting compromise, under which the House

would pass a bill that keeps the government running and defunds Obamacare. But it would be structured so that the second part would vanish when the bill got to the Senate.

There are a lot of procedural details. But, really, all you need to remember is: "Boehner bill: Obamacare defunding part disappears by magic." The Tea Party faction in the House does not appear to be fooled by this maneuver. Date to be announced: Government starts up! If there is a shutdown, it won't last long. Probably no longer than the moment when voters begin to wonder about the clerks who process Social Security checks. This is a good moment to mention the sequester. I could have brought it up earlier, but you had a lot on your plate with the disappearing Obamacare thing. Of course you remember the big, bipartisan budget deal in 2011, with all the automatic, irrational cuts to federal agencies that would go away as soon as Congress came up with a sensible bipartisan budget plan. Just look at that sentence again, and ask yourself how we ever imagined that one would work. We've already had one sequester, which has hacked into education funds, money for research and long-term upkeep of the parks. This week, Michael Schmidt of The Times reported that the FBI has a cost-cutting plan to shut down its offices 10 days a year. In case of a terrorist attack, furloughed agents will be called in from home.

The second phase will start to be felt over the next few months. It's particularly hard on defense contracts, so many members of Congress would like to see it adjusted. Some of us, of course, would prefer to get the FBI back. Anyway, the issue is going to come up, and I don't want to see you throwing yourself under the bed the first time you hear the word "sequester." We're better than that.

Oct. 18: First possible day for Treasury default if Congress can't come up with a bill to raise the debt ceiling. If there is no deal, financial markets around the world fall into chaos. President Barack Obama goes to bed and has a wonderful dream in which he is working everything out with House Republicans, who are led by Kevin Spacey from "House of Cards." The Republicans have myriad proposals for dealing with the debt ceiling, many involving doing something bad to Obamacare. The president's position is that Congress has an obligation to pay our already-existing national debt, and that, therefore, he is not going to negotiate the matter at all. Maybe Vladimir Putin has an idea. Jan. 1: New sequester cuts really kick in and first Obamacare insurance policies go into effect. The moon turns to blood. Thor, son of Odin, fights in combat with the serpent Jörmungandr. The president contemplates the fact that he has three more years in office. □



# Occupy Wall Street Legacy



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When Occupy Wall Street sprang up in parks and under tents, one of the many issues the protesters pressed was economic inequality. Then, as winter began to set in, the police swept the protesters away. All across the country the crowds thinned and enthusiasm waned, and eventually the movement all but dissipated. But one of its catchphrases remained, simmering on a back burner: "We are the 99 percent." The 99 percent were the lower-income people in this country - the rest of us - struggling to make a change, make a difference and just make a living while the stiff, arthritic grip of the top 1 percent sought to manipulate the social, political and economic levers of powers. This idea of the tiny top against the broad bottom even became a running theme in last year's presidential election. In his January 2012 State of the Union address, President Barack Obama said, "We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well while a growing number of Americans barely get by, or we can restore an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, and everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules."

The president went on to rail

against tax breaks for the "wealthiest 2 percent of Americans" and about how tax loopholes and shelter allow many millionaires to pay less than "millions of middle-class households."

Then he invoked a line that he would repeat often: "Right now, Warren Buffett pays a lower tax rate than his secretary." There was no better setup for Mitt Romney - one of the richest candidates to seek the presidency in recent decades - who was called by some a modern-day Thurston Howell.

Eventually, Romney would commit his own pratfall of percentage politics, famously defaming the "47 percent." With that, any caviar-and-toast-points dreams he may have had of flitting away the days in the White House were toast.

Still, it was not clear if the greater narrative of income inequality had legs and if it would move forward as the economy turned up.

I believe it has.

There are signs that the narrative may have taken hold in some parts of the electorate beyond the protesters in the parks and beyond a presidential campaign between an up-from-the-bottom, charismatic incumbent and his awkward aristocratic competitor.

On Tuesday, the nation's largest city - the heavily Democratic New York City, where the Occupy Wall Street movement was born - sent a message of stinging repudiation to the nation's wealthiest mayor, Michael Bloomberg: enough.

The most progressive Democratic candidate, Bill de Blasio, who had in effect run as the anti-Bloomberg, was the clear leader in the Democratic primary.

And, for the most part, the city's citizens seem to have eschewed identity politics in favor of class politics. De Blasio, who is white, was very strong in the

mostly black areas of Brooklyn, Queens, Harlem and the Bronx; Bill Thompson, who is black, was strong on mostly white Staten Island; and Christine Quinn, who is openly gay, lost the Chelsea-Union Square area of Manhattan. There are also national signs of unease. According to a Pew Research Center poll released Thursday, fewer than 8 percent of respondents thought that, after the recent recession, government policies have helped the poor, the middle class or small business a great deal. About five times as many believe they've helped the wealthy, large banks and other financial institutions, and large corporations.

And as the stock market soars for those with enough money to be in it, a Gallup poll released Thursday found that 1 in 5 Americans say they have struggled to afford food in the last year and that access to basic needs is near a record low.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job market is dire, despite what the unemployment rate says. As Bloomberg Businessweek (yes, that Bloomberg) put it:

"The worrisome part is why the rate fell. The size of the workforce declined by about 300,000 and the participation rate fell to 63.2 percent from 63.4 percent - the lowest since August 1978."

The rich have recovered, but the rest still struggle. This cannot long stand.

So, the Occupy Wall Street movement, which many dismissed as the wails of the young and disaffected without clear objectives, clear leaders or a clear political agenda, may, in the end, have a rather clear legacy: ingraining in the national conscience the idea that our extreme levels of inequality are politically untenable and morally unacceptable, and that eventually the 99 percent will demand better. □



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